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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Township Clerk, Amy Leso. The meeting was advertised in the following manner:

- A. Posting written notice on the official Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on January 7, 2013
- B. Faxing and mailing written notice to The South Jersey Times and The Courier Post on January 7, 2013
- C. Filing written notice with the Clerk of West Deptford Township on January 7, 2013

Roll Call:

Mr. Cianfarini, Ms. DiCarlo, Ms. Szyborski, Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick and Mayor Chintall were in attendance for this meeting.

Correspondence:

Mr. Cianfarini made a motion to approve the following items. It was seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Cianfarini	Y
Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Ms. Szyborski	Y
Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

- Social Affair Permit for Bryces Bridge of Hope for April 27th
- Social Affair Permit for Verga Volunteer Fire Company for April 27th

Mayor Chintall introduced Lillia Longard from Mr. Ogozalek's office who would be serving as solicitor for the meeting.

Mr. Joseph Rando asked several questions. He asked about the Fulton Bank lawsuit and was told by Mayor Chintall that it is still ongoing. He asked about the lawsuit with Mr. Sweeney and Sunoco and he was told it is ongoing and there is no update. He was told that the OPMA lawsuit was settled. He asked if there were any others and he was told that there were not. He also asked for an update on the Water/Sewer Department. Mayor Chintall told him that the Attorney General's office is handling it and that it could be years before there is a resolution. Ms. Szyborski added that she and Mr. Cianfarini attended a meeting last week and that they are moving ahead to get some answers from the auditors for the \$15,000.00 that was paid to them. Mayor Chintall explained that they were told by the solicitor at the last meeting that they could handle things administratively and civilly and that they are looking into procedures and delinquent accounts. Ms. Szyborski added that they have been collecting on past due water bills. Mr. Rando asked what has been put into place to be sure that this does not happen again. Ms. Szyborski said that there are ordinances in place. Mr. Rando also asked for the savings (since January, 2012) in efficiencies and professional changes. Mr. Cianfarini explained what was done and said the savings were approximately 2.2 million dollars. Mr. Rando asked how this information could be communicated to the public and recommended a bulletin board in the municipal building or placing it on the website. Mr. Rando then directed questions to Ms. DiCarlo and asked if she came up with any savings when she took over her department. He asked for an update on fair trade, flextime, etc. Ms. DiCarlo responded and told him that as she is not in charge of administration, she had not seen the savings that were referenced by Mr. Cianfarini. She added that she needed Mr. Cimino to return her phone calls to work on those items. Mr. Rando continued by reprimanding the committee and Mayor Chintall controlled the meeting and reminded all of proper meeting procedures. Mr. Rando asked Mayor Chintall if any other

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members of the committee submitted in writing ways to save money and Mayor Chintall responded that they had not.

Mr. Cianfarini asked Mr. Campo if the \$200,000.00 in unpaid water bills that had been collected and the savings in professionals could be placed on the website and Mr. Campo said no figures have been verified as of yet and he would look into posting once confirmed.

Ms. DiCarlo asked if it will also include the debt and other costs that the township has incurred because an overall financial statement should include all of that. She added that Ms. Sprigman should prepare all of that and Mr. Cianfarini agreed.

Mr. James Mehaffey inquired about item #3 on the agenda and asked who would be nominated for the position of Municipal Judge. He was told it would be Judge Adams by Mayor Chintall. Mr. Mehaffey asked how he arrived at that decision. Mayor Chintall explained that she would have a different approach to the law and that she is currently the judge in the joint court in Buena/Franklin and she is well qualified. Mr. Mehaffey explained that the current judge is a good friend of his and that he is speaking as the former Chief of Police. The current judge has served the township for 15 years with no backlog and has lived in the community for over 50 years. He also asked if the current judge was given the courtesy of an interview. Mayor Chintall explained that the committee is looking for people with the same thinking as the majority of the committee. Mr. Mehaffey asked what position could be more important than the judge and he added that the current judge dedicated 15 years and it seems so unfair. He also asked why would you remove someone who is doing a good job for you?

Mrs. Carol Baker said that she understands why they are appointing a new judge. Politics have changed. She said that she assumes that Judge Adams is a republican and that she knows that they can't be involved, but she said that is the reason and she feels that it should be said.

Mr. Cianfarini made a motion to close the meeting to the public. It was seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick and approved by the entire committee.

Mr. Matt Moore was asked to come to the front to be honored. Mr. Kilpatrick said that he "bleeds green." He explained that Matt fixes mowers at night so that the workers can get right to work in the morning. Mr. Kilpatrick then read a proclamation honoring Mr. Matt Moore for his service.

Proclamation

#51 Commending Matthew J. Moore for Implementation of the Composting System for the Township of West Deptford

Proclamation

#52 Recognizing March 23rd 2013 from 8:30pm-9:30pm as "Earth Hour"

Mayor Chintall addressed the residents in attendance and said that they have received the first of two payments to replace the fire trucks from a grant from Sunoco Foundation. The \$750,000.00 grant is to replace aging fire equipment. He then acknowledged the volunteer firefighters and said they deserve the best equipment. He then advertised the Police Unity 5K Walk/Run Event on March 10th and encouraged everyone to support this event. He also reminded everyone that daylight savings time begins on Sunday.

Mr. Cianfarini made a motion to appoint Joan Sorbello Adams, Esquire as Municipal Court Judge to a three year term for the Township of West Deptford. His motion was seconded by Mr.

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Kilpatrick. Ms. DiCarlo asked if the salary is fixed or if it is a range. Mr. Campo said that it is fixed on the Salary Ordinance. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Cianfarini	Y
Ms. DiCarlo	N
Ms. Szymborski	N
Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

**#53 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE TO
A THREE YEAR TERM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD**

The RiverWinds Advisory Committee then gave the committee a recommendation to raise the Senior Pass age requirement from 55 to 62. Several options were presented.

- Increase the Senior Pass to age 62 for all members - current members with a senior membership would be "grandfathered in."
- Increase the Senior Pass for non-residents to age 62, but residents would remain at 55
- Make no changes to the Senior Pass at all

Ms. DiCarlo questioned if this could be discriminatory. Ms. Longard said that it could be. The RiverWinds Advisory Committee explained how they believe the increase could increase revenue for the center and be consistent with competitors. They said that the mission statement was to make the center self-sufficient. Ms. DiCarlo asked how many members would be affected by this change. Mr. Greg Black said that there are currently 1036 members between the ages of 50-55, however; some could already have a senior membership because of their spouse. There was concern about how the change would affect RiverCove as they pay for a year membership for new residents as an incentive. The solicitor did not think this would be a problem for the township. Mr. Cianfarini said that RiverWinds is a huge asset and he would be for this change if it will bring in revenue. Ms. Szymborski asked how much revenue this would bring in. Mr. Hansen of the RWAB said that it would be seven more years of additional revenue. Mr. Cianfarini said that the facility loses money each year and believes that the township does the most amount of good for the most amount of people by raising the age in line with competitors. Mr. Kilpatrick asked the committee their feeling on raising the age to 62 for only non-residents and the solicitor believed that it could be problematic – treating people of the same age differently based on where they live. Mr. Cianfarini asked if the change could be announced now and have an open-enrollment period to give residents a chance to sign up before the change takes effect. Mr. Black said that it would give them time to work things out. Ms. DiCarlo asked for a few examples of memberships that could be affected by the change. She added that RiverWinds Community Center was built as part of an over 55 community and she also wants to make sure the homes at RiverCove are at the highest value. She agreed with Mr. Cianfarini that it would be a great idea to advertise it now. It was pointed out that you do not need to be a member of RiverWinds Community Center to use the Senior Center. Mayor Chintall said that going from 55 to 62 is a huge jump and asked if the advisory board considered a gradual jump. They had not. Mr. Kilpatrick said that the advisory board will do further analysis for the work session. Mr. Cianfarini said that he does not want to delay this because the facility needs to generate income. He wants to get the functionality worked out for the work session.

Mr. Kilpatrick made a motion to authorize the first reading of the following ordinance. It was seconded by Mr. Cianfarini. The purpose of this ordinance is to increase the Summer Recreation Program Fee to \$300.00. There was much discussion among the committee members about the program. Mr. Cianfarini outlined the unrecovered costs from the last three years: 2010 - \$11,000.00, 2011 - \$22,000.00 and 2012 - \$15,099.00. He said that we must have programs that do not incur debt and that we have unique facilities and must price them as such. He

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recommended changing the policy and setting an earlier deadline for the registrations. If the registrations will not fund the programs then the program will be cut. Mr. Ley explained that generally registrations are taken throughout the summer up until the last week of the program. Mayor Chintall asked Mr. Campo if the newsletters with the registration form could be expedited and he was told that they could be. Ms. DiCarlo voiced her concerns with the idea of cutting the program. She said that no other town has this service and that the people see the value in their tax dollars. Mr. Cianfarini said that he had Mr. Ley do an analysis of other programs and our program is 2-4 times cheaper and that there are daycare programs that make West Deptford their home and our program is undercutting them. Ms. DiCarlo disagreed and said that YMCA and daycare programs are very different. They offer food and are curriculum based. Mr. Kilpatrick added that we keep the kids occupied so the Chief of Police does not have to deal with them running around. Mr. Cianfarini explained that our program charges about \$1.24 per hour and other programs charge about \$9.00 per hour and he spoke about the debt in the town. Ms. Szymborski added that the committee needed to look at the big picture. She said they needed to promote and "sell" and that this is a good program. She also said that they need to be fiscally responsible. Mayor Chintall asked Mr. Ley what would happen if less people enroll in the program. He asked if the staff would be cut. Mr. Ley explained that 20 college kids are hired and are paid minimum wage. He added that they are the best student athletes and that the kids look up to them. Mr. Ley then explained that the projected budget shows anticipated revenue on the plus side. The committee then looked at the fees for other aspects of the program such as the Latch Key Program and Field Trips. The Mayor asked Mr. Ley to do an analysis of those items. Mr. Cianfarini asked if this should be tabled for the work session or if they should amend the ordinance. Ms. DiCarlo said that she did not think an amendment was necessary. The analysis says that the program will make money. Mayor Chintall asked if there was a drop in members when the fees were increased. Mr. Campo said that there was no loss when the fee was increased from \$200.00 to \$250.00. There was a loss of members when the fee was originally implemented. Mr. Cianfarini added that the analysis from last year said that there was not going to be a loss, but in the end there was a loss. Ms. Di Carlo asked Mr. Ley for a recommendation of changing the fees for the Sports Camps, Day Trips and Latch Key Fees. Mr. Ley said that they considered raising each \$2.00. Ms. DiCarlo made a motion to amend the ordinance to change the Sports Camp Fee to \$12.00, the Day Trip Fee to \$18,00 and the Latch Key fee to \$12.00. It was seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick. Mr. Cianfarini said that they need to do a more thorough analysis of the programs. The vote on the amendment was as follows:

Mr. Cianfarini	Y (with respect to raising the Sports Camp, Day Trip and Latch key fees)
Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Ms. Szymborski	Y
Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

The vote on the first reading of the ordinance was as follows:

Mr. Cianfarini	Y
Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Ms. Szymborski	Y
Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD ESTABLISHING FEES FOR
WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP
#2013-01
(FIRST READING)**

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Mr. Cianfarini made a motion to authorize the execution of a lease agreement between the Thorofare Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, The Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Third Party Participant. His motion was seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick. Mr. Cianfarini explained that the township provides an employee for maintenance for this county program and asked if the township could ask the county to provide support for this program. Mr. Campo explained the history of the program. The township has been providing the employee since at least 1998 and the current employee has been doing the job for 6 years. The township has never asked the county to pay for the maintenance. Mr. Campo said that this is the only third party contract that the township has, but he will ask the county to fund it at Mr. Cianfarini's request. Mr. Cianfarini asked if this rotates between the communities. Mr. Campo said he was not aware. It is not residency restricted and explained how it works. It is not specific to West Deptford residents however; many of our residents do attend this program. Mr. Cianfarini asked Ms. Longard if this should be amended or tabled. She recommended that it be tabled. Mayor Chintall asked if this person is paid as part of the leasing agreement. Mr. Campo explained that no, she is an employee we assign and if the township is not going to provide for the employee, then the township is no longer part of the agreement. Mr. Cianfarini then made a motion to table this until the work session. Mayor Chintall asked Mr. Campo to get a response by the work session. Mr. Kilpatrick seconded the motion to table. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Cianfarini	Y
Ms. DiCarlo	N
Ms. Szymborski	N
Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

Mr. Cianfarini said that he was approached by the Administrator of Woodbury and they were looking to share the purchase of a Jetter truck. Since this is in Ms. DiCarlo's department he asked that as the budget was completed that this be something that was looked in to. He also mentioned that resident Brenda Uff recently passed away and he wanted to offer his condolences to her family. Ms. DiCarlo asked if there was a scholarship fund for her young children. Mr. Cianfarini was not aware of one and asked Chief Mangano about it. The Chief will find out and let the committee know.

Engineer:

No report.

Solicitor:

No report.

Administrator:

No report.

Open Meeting to the Public:

Mayor Chintall opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. James Mehaffey expressed his disappointment in Mayor Chintall, Mr. Cianfarini and Mr. Kilpatrick for removing the judge. He asked for their understanding of the role of elected officials in court operation. Mayor Chintall said it was to oversee the court clerks and he said that he did not involve himself with the court. Mr. Mehaffey said that the AOC handles that and then asked why should she have similar ideas to that of the committee? Mayor Chintall responded that the

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committee has appointed people outside of republicans. Mr. Mehaffey said that he is concerned that the court will become political. Mayor Chintall's opinion was that the former Judge was very lenient. Mr. Mehaffey said that he has 26 years in law enforcement and believes that the committee should have done due diligence and checked with the AOC. He added that he hopes someone calls the judge (and informs him of the decision) so he does not have to read it in the paper.

Mr. Wayne Klotz asked why the committee voted against Mr. Purnell for Planning Board stating that he had worked under other republicans and served on the board for 30 years.

Mrs. Kathy Cianfarini said that the earlier the Summer Recreation Program flyers go out, the better, citing that mailers have already gone home for two other programs. She also said that Young Eagles enrollment is down due to the fact that people are unemployed and do not need childcare. She also recommended that residency is checked for the program. Mr. Ley explained that the school, grade completed and teacher's name must be listed on the form and it is cross-referenced with a list provided by the school district.

Mr. Eric Agron asked about the CFO position. Mayor Chintall said that they are currently setting up interviews.

Mr. Jerry Maher commended Ms. Szymborski on collecting the overdue water bills. He asked if this was surplus as it was not budgeted for and asked if these bills were past due over years. Mayor Chintall said that they are catching up on all of the outstanding accounts. Ms. Szymborski said that they pulled the delinquent accounts list for all years-both commercial and residential. Ms. Szymborski asked Ms. Sprigman if something could be implemented where people can pay online. Mr. Maher asked if it is public knowledge of those who do not pay their bill. Ms. Longard said that would not be appropriate. Mr. Maher asked for an update now that there is a general ledger. Mr. Cianfarini explained that Ms. Sprigman, with the help of an outside firm, has reconstructed 2012 and set up a general ledger. She has brought the town into compliance with state statutes. He continued to point out that there is a better situation in the water department and that a presentation is being prepared by the Financial Planner. The figure was higher than anticipated but the township is taking steps to measure it and then manage it. Mr. Maher said that change was good and asked if there was a five year plan for the township. He spoke about the RiverWinds Fees and said that the school board just paid off their last piece of land. He stated that education is power and told the committee that it was said at the school board meeting that the debt of the town as a whole has people vote down the school budget. Ms. Szymborski said that she and Mr. Douglas have gone through a five year plan. She said that we have to "sell" our community and when kids are involved, this "sells" the community. Little strides make a difference. Mr. Maher ended by saying that he is disgusted that the township does not have a plan and added that he is on the zoning board.

Mr. Joseph Rando asked if the Summer Recreation Program pays for itself. Mayor Chintall said that with the increase in fees with the same number of children it will. Mr. Rando asked if the same analysis was done last year. Mr. Cianfarini said that there was a loss of \$15,000.00 last year. Mr. Rando said that the township needs to decide what the role of government is. Government is responsible for police, water/sewer, trash and essential services. If a program does not pay for itself, "scrap it." He then said that if the program is eliminated and the kids hit the streets; parents have the responsibility, government does not. He then asked Ms. Longard for the state statute naming people who are in arrears. She told him that if criminal charges are filed then it is public record; but allegations are slander. Mr. Cianfarini said that there are policies in place where water should have been shut off for unpaid bills and if that was not done, that would be the grey area that Ms. Longard was talking about.

Mr. Al Nicolosi said that he echoed Mr. Maher's sentiments. People look at school systems when they move into a community. Businesses are not moving in, they are leaving. The township is bankrupt and should not spend more than it has. He also said that volunteers or those appointed

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by the governing body – sometimes you win and sometimes you lose and he spoke about his brother being removed by a former Mayor.

Mr. Tom Baker asked if there was something that the township could do about people texting while driving. He said it was a scary situation.

Mr. Bill Sites asked about the status of the Moose Juice Proposal for RiverWinds Community Center. Mayor Chintall said that it would be on the agenda for the work session on March 21st. He also spoke about the fees for RiverWinds. He said the added fees for classes make other facilities lower in cost. He asked how long the Sumer Recreation Program was. He was told it was six weeks. He asked if anyone contacted Under the Sun. He was told by Mr. Ley that their fees are much higher. He said that a great amount of the budget goes to children and a small amount goes to senior citizens. He also said that the township should contact Mantua and Williamstown about the costs for the Nutrition programs.

Mr. Jerry Cullen said that he does not like that if it costs money, the township does not do it. He said that with the Recreation Program the township needs to look at the big picture. Every program needs to be looked at and its value to the community. If his taxes went down, that would be a really attractive reason to come to West Deptford. He also spoke on the way the board interacts with each other. He asked if it was inappropriate for Ms. DiCarlo to ask questions of Mr. Cimino. Mayor Chintall said that he should address all. Mr. Cullen said that Ms. DiCarlo has said this before. Mr. Cianfarini said that he spoke to Mr. Cimino and he said that he did respond to Ms. DiCarlo. Ms. DiCarlo said that she would provide the documents to Mr. Cullen via e-mail. She explained that she asked questions and he responded by sending a fax that said that he was in receipt of her e-mail. Mr. Cullen said that he did not think this was an appropriate response and that he wants to see him call her back.

Mayor Chintall excused himself from the meeting for a moment and turned the gavel over to Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick.

Mr. David Sileo said that our assets are unique. He said that we need the REC program. He said that his children participated in it and that it is very important to the development of kids. He also said that it should not lose money and asked if the \$2.00 increase would be in addition to the \$50.00 increase. He also asked if the surplus would go into next year's REC program or would it be used to bring down the township debt. He asked Chief Mangano if there was any data between no recreation programs and crime. The chief said that there was no data. He asked the Chief for his thoughts. Chief Mangano said that there is always a possibility that the police department may have more contact.

Ms. DiCarlo made a motion to close the meeting to the public and it was seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Chintall called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. DiCarlo made a motion, a second was given by Ms. Szymborski and approved by the entire committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Leso, RMC
Township Clerk