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Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey was held on Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, in said Township.

PRESENT: Mayor Francioli, Members Ferramosca,
Gallagher, Coppola, and Brueno

ABSENT: None

STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by posting written notices and agenda of the meeting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, Township of Hanover and by hand delivering, mailing or faxing such notice and agenda to the following newspapers:

**HANOVER EAGLE
MORRIS COUNTY'S DAILY RECORD
THE STAR LEDGER**

and by filing same with the Township Clerk.

(Signed) Ronald F. Francioli, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

**POSTING OF COLORS BY THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP VETERANS ALLIANCE
AND LEADING THE ASSEMBLY IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

PRESENTATIONS:

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS
COMPRISING THE TOWNSHIP'S VETERANS ALLIANCE IN GRATEFUL
RECOGNITION OF OUR VETERANS, BOTH LIVING AND DECEASED, FOR THEIR
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BOTH IN PEACETIME AND WAR:**

WHIPPANONG POST NO. 155 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

**F/O ROBERT C. GULICK POST NO. 5351 OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN
WARS OF THE UNITED STATES**

L/C R.J. SLATTERY DETACHMENT 206 OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

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Mayor: It is appropriate that we do this we know that Veteran's Day throughout our great Nation was celebrated, bases throughout the world, embassies throughout the world we celebrated Veteran's Day and the service that the ladies and gentleman here with us gave us here in the United States. Needless to say, we honor all of those who served in uniform and who stood between tyranny and freedom in defense of the United States Constitution and all of us here, the citizens of the United States, those who met the enemies of our nation were ever they were in Europe, Africa, Pacific, Middle East, Asia. On this day, cities and towns throughout America stood tall for all the men and women here and in the past and we thank them for their courage and their service as a grateful nation. We look on this committee of elected officials, and when doing so if it weren't for you, if it were not for you, we wouldn't be sitting here today and I wouldn't be speaking here today with the freedom that I have to express my opinion and the opinions of these gentlemen. We speak freely and democratically we act for the good of all of our town and our nation. Sadly, I would comment at this time that the sacrifices that you have made on our behalf is not nearly responded to with the benefits of health care economic support, jobs and job opportunities that others are enjoying. Today, many are out to right that wrong, we know that Home Depot is part of an organization that is assisting in that change, Angela Davis was supposed to be here tonight, representing the Home Depot folks. Home Depot is doing much in grants to build housing for our vets. I know that they are part of a chain of stores, not just Home Depot but Lowes and other similar stores that are recognizing our vets with jobs and discount opportunities in the stores themselves and doing their part to try and right some of the wrongs over time. We thank all of you here in this room who have served. You have done much for us and we stand with you here in Hanover and we salute all the members of the Marine Corp League, the Slattery American Legion, Division of American Legion, our Veterans of Foreign Wars, and all umbrella under our Hanover Veteran's Alliance and gentleman and the Township Committee will you please rise, we salute you today, and thank you all for all you have done for us and we appreciate it.

George Coppola: I think it was great for this Committee to want to take this opportunity one day late but not forgotten if our meeting was on the 11th we would have done it on the 11th. I have been with these gentlemen quite a bit lately, as part of the Veteran's Alliance I think it's a wonderful group and a wonderful thing to be honoring you all this evening. We also got Home Depot that is coming down they are going to do work, they are doing a veteran's home for 11 vets. Funny thing is that Home Depot began with a piece of paper, a little note that my note got from Bill Brutosky and JoAnn. Please stand up, they gave a little piece of paper saying that the Home Depot would like to do something for the vets, they were actually talking about 1 vet at the time, but instead when we started talking with Bob and the Committee as we met at the American Legion they figured they could do something for the Veteran's Home in Dover which would help out 11 Veteran's which I think is wonderful. They will do everything, if anyone got to see the work that they did for the Cosgrove Facility at Picatinny you will get to know that they do all the work, the labor, that material, everything. Home Depot is very dedicated to the Vets. So the two of you thank you for that little piece of paper you gave my wife, which got the ball rolling.

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I also have with me a letter from Congressman Frelinghuysen: I invited the Congressman to come this evening to present flags flown over the Capital Building.

“Dear George: Enclosed please find three American Flags and the certificates which note that the flags have been flown over the United States Capital Building for Flight Officer Robert C. Gulick Post No. 5351 Of The Veterans Of Foreign Wars; Whippanong Post No. 155 Of The American Legion; L/C R.J. Slattery Detachment 206 Of The Marine Corps League at my request. Congressman Frelinghuysen”

I am pleased to note that you and each of these organizations will treasure these flags and all they represent the freedom loving people around the world. It is important that we continue to recognize the men and women in uniform who have continued to sacrifice for our nation. It was interesting today to see the President with the Congressional Medal of Honor on a Captain who really did a service for our County. He is one of few living recipients of the Medal of Honor. But each of these organizations I am proud to be affiliated with you all and I know that the Freeholders recognized you on Monday night; I thought that was so nice. With that I say thank you, god bless all of you and for all you do and I really appreciate it. The Committee was more than grateful and happy to be honoring you all this evening.

Presentation of Eagle and Flags to each Recipient.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion made by Member Ferramosca to open the meeting to the public and seconded by Member Gallagher.

Barbara Eames, Cove Lane Road: Just a brief update on the Freeholder last night. You may have heard, I saw John today, so he is aware. The Freeholder on Monday night did approve an amended solar build out which is smaller than it was originally was contemplated three county sites, five school board, I think a couple municipal sites. Hanover is not one of them, I think you understand that, so that makes me personally happy and I hope you feel the same way. We think that the input that we had into that process raised a lot questions and issues that they subsequently looked into and to assure a project that is financially sound going forward that will actually make some money back.

We also commented on the budget, the budget process is starting immediately at the County level and some of us made comments about keeping the budget flat, you will know that Cathy DeFillippo is kind of not with us on that one,

Mayor: Not with us in the anticipated increase?

Ms. Eames: She is not sure if they could keep it flat, they have a lot of expenses so I think the citizens that participate probably didn't like what they heard and I'm just

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thinking I don't know whether you as a body that doesn't seem to have a lot of difficulty doing that, just a question, whether you would feel comfortable writing a letter to the freeholder board to do that? As you have done that over how many years that you can document that. I think we will be pushing for that and also for a zero based budgeting process which we asked about it and they do not do that budget to put their budget together. We also pushed a little bit to get the public involved in the process a little more too, so that's what we are pushing on them in the budget front.

Third thing, today I had a meeting with John Bonanni and a counsel who they are going to be hiring a special council to be looking into the whole issue of regional planning, we met with two attorneys, John Bonanni and two county employees, Deanna Leary Head of Planning, and Jenn Carpenter Head of Human Services, and talking a lot about the North Jersey Regional Plan, which you know the Board did reject, and what that means for the County, so I think, I know I'm very happy that they are actually going to have some legal counsel look a little bit deeper into what that really means for Morris County I think that's a good thing and I'll keep you updated as it moves forward.

Mayor: Thank you.

Jim Neidhardt, 3414 Appleton Way, Whippany: I would like to ask you if there is any information you can give that is for public dissemination on the River Park Business Center? I know there is a lot of legal issues that you cannot discuss but I just want to know if there are any updates, last I heard that they cancelled the last meeting and postponed the planning meeting to November 24th. Status or anything that is going to happen next?

Mayor: To the degree that I can comment, I can say that the Township's position is been immoveable from the Court Approved Settlement, I'll use the right language, of some 10 or 11 years ago, Jim as you might recall, that settlement called for now allowing her back then flex buildings on the site, flex buildings for everybody's edification are 80% warehousing and 20% office and in conjunction with the flex buildings that settlement included a donation of 22 acres above the dam to Hanover Township for Open Space and for attachment in my opinion to Central Park. In conjunction midway point of that property, there was an agreement to two buildings of some 120 odd units, which would be senior citizen directed buildings. Much on the like or level of the one on Boulevard Board.

Mr. Neidhardt: Would that be on the opposite side of the river closest to Eden Lane?

Mayor: Above the dam but closest to the northern side of the property, Rosin Road. The treatment plant that you are talking about closest to Eden Lane is the one that you should be concerned with, but I don't know if we have any density on the treatment plant site in that settlement?

Mr. Semrau: I don't think we do.

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Mayor: There has been chatter about the fact that there would be a bridge built over the Whippany River at the Eden Wood Intersection....

Mr. Neidhardt: Boxwood Court.

Mayor: Not so. I would say that with a high degree of confidence, the cost of which a bridge would be absolutely prohibited. There is also been chatter about the fact that 1,000 COAH units are going in there, not so. Having said that, counsel.

Mr. Semrau: Very accurate, the Mayor has been spending so much time on this going back to 2004, but as everyone knows the site has been inactive since the early 1980's and what I can tell you right now is there are a lot of things that are publically known that are in the courts, one is the settlement as the Mayor has mentioned, the Town in accordance with that settlement he described adopted an ordinance because it was really the obligation of the property owner to provide that ordinance they didn't in draft, so the Township drafted the ordinance and adopted it and then the property owner filed suit saying that they don't like the ordinance, but that was the settlement. The second thing that is pending is that the property then filed an application which isn't consistent with the settlement to develop the flex buildings, then the third matter is they intervened in the court order of all municipalities to go over to affordable housing plan and they jumped in there, so with the direction of the Governing Body we said to them, they have an application before the Planning Board and we said look if you are going to waste everybody's time you know we even filed a motion in court saying why go forward with this application when in fact right now you are suing us regarding the ordinance so maybe the court should take over as opposed to putting the planning board through this. So cooler heads prevailed and we urged them (River Park) to put off the planning board application. They put the application off not because it had any other meaning except it could be very well be a waste of time, they agreed to do that we have to meet with a Special Master, who is a mediator but also a planner, with respect to all of the affordable housing, so they are in that case as well, so we have had to have a meeting with them and there has been some discussion. But as the Mayor said years ago they wanted 1000 residential units and that's what caused all of the litigation and that is certainly anything that the Governing Body is going to entertain. But there hasn't been any other type of proposal by the governing body except that we had a settlement which included the senior housing, might be a good idea not to put the Planning Board through an application when you are in court and your intervened in the other matter so that was achieved and that's where we stand right now. We are obligated to meet with the Special Master and hear thoughts about the track, but the Town's position right now is that we have this settlement for all of these years and nothing happened on the property and that even goes back to the 1980's.

Mr. Neidhardt: Is the Special Master a judicial or a quasi-judicial mediator?

Mr. Semrau: A professional Planner that has no interest in anything but to try and facilitate any type of resolve that can come in the context in the bigger picture the

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affordable housing litigation that every town is facing. This is a large track of land and they get to have a discussion with the governing body as well.

Mr. Neidhardt: Given the reason of the postponement of the last meeting is it likely that the November 4th will be proposed for similar reasons, since it hasn't been judicially resolved?

Mr. Semrau: I think there is a possibility because there are going to be subsequent meetings with this Special Master and again at those meetings we can't bind the Governing Body or anything like that but to get facts out, at the first meeting there was just a lot of discussion about the history, and the Special Master was like this is a long time. A lot of efforts have been made with various opportunities.

Mr. Neidhardt: Last question, did the 2004 settlement include a prohibition from having any egress for trucks or traffic from the property onto Eden Lane? Tell me if I'm right, Rosin Road or Apollo Road were the options?

Mayor: We have designs and Fred I think I can say that. To answer your question Jim, we don't want any commercial truck traffic on Eden Lane. They have one driveway as you might recall all the way up by Central Park, the gated driveway up there, if we use that exit at all it would be a right hand turn out of there but we have been negotiating rights of way on Rosin Road. We have already talked to the railroad some time ago in an agreement with them on one of their sidings to cross the railroad tracks from her property onto Rosin Road, that's a good thing.

Mr. Neidhardt: Wouldn't Apollo be a better solution?

Mayor: That's also on the drawing board. I have to be quite honest with you, I really don't want to consider any of these options beyond

Mr. Neidhardt: I'm just taking worst case scenario protecting us at least worst case and get our way up.

Mayor: We do not intend to have Eden Lane impacted.

Mr. Neidhardt: One quick update on Quick Chek potential on Jefferson Road and Route 10 is there any news on that?

Mayor: Counsel we are having some discussions on some protocol tonight.

Mr. Semrau: Some discussion outside of executive session I spoke to their attorney as to some possibilities, but whatever comes of it will have to be during the public meeting at a future meeting and a resolution if that were to happen. I think it is fair to say that at this point there is still a technically an impasse where the risk of that they are not going forward, remember we had asked them where they are, they have not gone forward with the initiation of permitting and clean up environmental

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requirements until they have this resolved, and at this point there is still no resolve. We have listened to them and their hearing and discussed various legal issues in executive sessions in some of the case law that is out there from the Township's perspective. As of right now there has been some discussion about what the ramifications will be.

Mr. Neidhardt: Are most of the discussion centered on the hours of operations and the types of activity that will go on, gas vs. convenience?

Mayor: They are permitted to run the fueling operation, the gas operation, that we have no problem with that.

Mr. Neidhardt: Because we don't have control on that because it's a State Road.

Mayor: That's allowed, in some of our opinions that's the activity, 24-7 on the fueling operation, but as counsel has said that is the impasse where we are and the discussion we are having with the convenience store.

Mr. Neidhardt: Thank you.

Mayor: That's two Barbara!

Barbara Davis: I know, it's quick, you mentioned COAH housing, just a quick update, I'm just curious, you have a 1000 mandate on this new COAH can you speak to that?

Mayor: I'm somewhat glad you mentioned 1000 units we all have a 1000 units, the counsel of affordable housing in the Builders associations and everybody involved with that thing and their wonderful wisdom just assigned every town that was under COAH 1000 units. As John always says the only reason they gave us 1000 is because they couldn't give us 2000! That's just putting bullets in the chambers, so it says to Hanover, either you deal with us or you deal with the Court on some number but this is their starting point. I think it's a fictitious number and one that this Township should ignore. We have complied, counsel has submitted out objections to the Court and in compliance with what Judge Hansbury wants so now it's what are next steps with this Fred.

Mr. Semrau: To put together a plan that the Township believes to be fair and reasonable which is nowhere near what our experts will tell us near 1000 units, and I'm glad you mentioned it too, as the Mayor said that is something that the Township won't stand. But a lot of the builders have thrown that number out there.

Ms. Eames: I think you have said it well, this is never going to be enough there is always going to be more coming, and that's why we are very hopeful that this process with regional development which is tied in with that initiative with the county and the county did take a vote against the draft plan that's a good step, that's good thing, I would urge the town to just say no, and the League of Municipalities Convention is this

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week and I'm very curious on what kind of discussion goes on down there, there must be a bunch of municipalities that are rather ticked outside of Hanover Township.

One of the other really interesting thing they said at the meeting the other night, about COAH, I think I mentioned it, did you know that the new COAH requirements are tied into the amount of jobs that you create in your communities?

Mayor: Yes.

Ms. Eames: You mean because we were good enough lucky enough to attract some more business to the old Lucent property, we are going to get wacked for it.

Mayor: New jobs, we fight them, it has to be new jobs.

Ms. Eames: I had never heard that in relation.

Mayor: They tied it to the economics to new jobs etc., Bayer brought in their staff and did they did some hiring, I suppose, but transitional hiring whatever, and Wegman's has potentially has 500 new jobs, and so we will be taking into consideration with, if we get those challenges, if the challenges get to the court then we will have to see how the good Judge rules on that.

Ms. Eames: Seems patently unfair if a town is smart and does good planning to attract jobs to their communities they shouldn't get wacked.

Mayor: The only problem with that is not to belabor it but to give you an answer for the whole public, townships have the right to zone and we do that. Each time we zone we have taken into consideration what portions of our obligations we have, and as you know at one point we were down to only 9 COAH units, so we did our part. The court says we don't care about your zoning.

Mr. Giorgio: Time is up!

Mayor: They are beeping me.... The Court says we don't say care about your zoning, so in other words you are not protected by the fact that you rezoned this piece of property for business retail, the court says well if that land can be cleaned up and that land is developable and that can support housing, that's what they are going to do! So we are cognizant of that so we trying to work this.

Ms. Eames: I commend you and I would encourage you to just to say no.

Mr. Coppola: Inaudible

Mr. Ferramosca: George, essentially if we did what the Court is mandating, if we did this we would essentially almost doubled the amount of units in Hanover Township. This is like incomprehensible, so we need to work really hard. If we have 5000 dwelling

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units in Hanover Township today and if we are to use our method of inclusionary affordable housing units and were to build 1000 affordable units with a 20% set aside that's 5000, 5000 plus 5000 equals 10,000 that's effectively doubling the amount of units. The idea of reality has been thrown out the window, so our responsibility is to educate and inform that this Township has been compliant with this since the 80', this township has built out it's Affordable Housing Plan, this township was down to 9 units, so we are trying to really defend home rule, cause we believe that we are on a very solid footing to do that.

Mayor: Remember years ago when round one COAH was 22% set aside; what that meant was that if you built 100 units 22 of them had to be low and moderate. Well they have gone back to the pretty much formula, they said it's inclusionary, so what John is saying is if you want to comply with this hypothetical 1000 unit at 20% do the math that ridiculous. If you figure 3200 heads of households, I don't know how many residents that means, but we can literally double the population. Judge Hansberry throws us out! That's it.

Carol Fomchenko, Malapardis Road, Whippany: Going back to River Park, you had mention that there are plans for diverting possibly truck traffic to Rosin or Apollo, thought came into my mind. Is that plan going to include a traffic light on Jefferson Road if trucks or more car traffic is going to be dumped onto Jefferson Road?

Mayor: There is a plan with CAE went in, the aviation training facility, part of planning board approval, John will correct me, but I'm pretty sure, at that time if there was any greater impact to Apollo a traffic light would have to be installed. If I'm not mistaken and Gerry is here, I think we even retained some dollars back then for that?

John Ferramosca: I don't think where the traffic light would go at this point has been defined yet.

Ms. Fomchenko: I'm just trying to alleviate the traffic on Jefferson to help Malapardis Road.

John Ferramosca: I would like to get it to Route 10, I would like to get from their property to Route 10 and that is being explored as one of the options. Forget about Jefferson Road; get it to go to Route 10.

Ms. Fomchenko: That would really help us ~ if you made the jug handle around the church could be possibly be made two ways,

Mayor: The jug handle is not off the radar screen. Still traveling that every day as you know, if we could turn right on red because of a jug handle what an incredible reliever that would be. This morning trying to get over here three cars got through that light. Going to keep a close eye on it, but I have a suspicion that River Park is going to be a long haul.

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Motion to close by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Brueno.

COMMUNICATION:

Letter dated October 26, 2015 addressed to Police Chief Stephen Gallagher, please accept this letter of retirement from the position of Sergeant my last day with the Hanover Police Department will be February 1, 2016. It has been a pleasure and I thank you and Captain Waldron for all that you have done for me over the many years. Again, it has been a pleasure as part of your department, Best Regards: Sergeant Martin Zvolensky.

Motion to accept letter of retirement made by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Brueno and unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented and ordered filed as received:

Parks & DPW	B. Foran	Month of October
CFMO	S. Esposito	Month of 9 th of November
Whippanong Library	Treasurer	Month of October
Construction	S. Donlon	Month of October

All reports are on file in the Business Administrator's Office.

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2015 and the Bid Reception Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2015 have been presented to the members of the Committee prior to this meeting by the Township Clerk.

Member Brueno moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2015 and the Bid Reception Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2015 be accepted and approved as presented by the Township Clerk. The motion was seconded by Member Gallagher and was unanimously passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE NO. 31-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2 OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND ORDINANCE NO. 27-13 AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING 15KW NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY

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GENERATOR AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GARAGE WITH THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW 60KW NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY GENERATOR AND ALL RELATED EQUIPMENT BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$75,000.00 TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AS A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT

The Ordinance will be further considered for Public Hearing and Final Passage at the December 10th 2015 meeting of the governing body and at time any person wishing to be heard will be given the opportunity to speak. The Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the Daily Record in accordance with the law.

Motion on introduction made by Member Brueno and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

So Introduced.

Mr. Ferramosca: I would like to introduce a Land Use Ordinance tonight that the Planning Board has worked on based up the direction of the Township Committee. This Ordinance No. 32-15; it's the residence district R10A, which is located on Whippany Road and Park Avenue where we have been highlighting for about a year now and the modification to the existing R10A ordinance is as follows:

Planning Board is recommending that we expand the potential uses in that zone, from single family detached to town house dwellings, this new ordinance will effectively reduce the number of town home units from 25 which was previously proposed to 24 impervious coverage would be limited to no greater than 38% and building coverage would be limited to 21%. I think this is a much enhanced plan verses the cluster of the R10A homes. So I am introducing this tonight.

These are carriage townhomes, they are age targeted, not age restricted and they are age targeted meaning that the master bedroom in the majority of the homes will be located on the first floor, because that is what is preferred for people above the age of let's say 55+ so they will be targeted, there will be proper buffering just as if there were in R10A, it would be more enhanced look for the Township and I think it's a much better plan than what previously was presented to us for this single family homes.

Mayor: The yard distances are considerable larger, and that was a big consideration for the Township Committee when we looked at it, and recommendation on going back to the Planning Board and telling the developer to scrap the original plan. The yard distances at one point were not more than 20 feet from the neighboring property line and Ms. DeCaro's land not that she complained but that is certainly not suitable. These yard distances will be nearly double that distance, and the distance from Whippany Road would be nearly triple what it was originally planned. So from the

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esthetics and the yard distances alone this is a vast improvement; the quality will be there.

Mr. Gallagher: I have a question for John when we have the hearing on this can you have photos prepared for us to share with the Hanover Township residents?

Mr. Ferramosca: Mr. Gallagher I think that is a very good idea, we can demonstrate the architecture and get a better appreciation for what is actually being proposed with this ordinance, I think it's a great idea.

Mr. Gallagher: The architecture here is similar to Mendham Commons, if anyone is familiar with that, that style of building, it's actually beautiful.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 166 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER ENTITLED LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION, BY AMENDING THE REGULATIONS FOR THE R-10A ZONE DISTRICT

This is a Land Use Ordinance it will be referred for recommendation to the Planning Board, in accordance to the Municipal Land Law and in order to give it the statutory time frame the Ordinance will not be considered for Public Hearing and Final Passage until Monday, December 21st 2015 meeting of the governing body and at time any person wishing to be heard will be given the opportunity to speak. Also this amends the Regulations for the R10A zone district we must provide written notifications to all property owners within 200 feet of the proposed development. The Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction will be published in full in the Daily Record in accordance with the law.

Motion on introduction made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Brueno and unanimously passed.

So Introduced.

RESOLUTIONS AS A CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF ERIC GUADARA AS A REPLACEMENT PART-TIME PROCTOR IN SUPERVISING ACTIVITIES AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE RATE OF \$10.61 PER HOUR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13., ITEM 11 OF SALARY**

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2015

- B. PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN 2015 CURRENT FUND BUDGET ON THE RECEIPT OF A \$2,857.44 BODY ARMOR GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**
- C. THE REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONEYS TO AN OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER CONCERNING 22 WHIPPANY ROAD FOR 2013 DELINQUENT TAXES**

Motion to accept Resolutions as a Consent Agenda and Move to be approved made by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The governing body approved a grand total disbursement of \$7,200,628.66 for the payment of all bills as of this Regular Township Committee Meeting. A copy of the "Bills Payment List – by Vendor" is hereby approved and made a part of this resolution as if set forth in full. Moved by Member Brueno and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

A copy of the Bill Payment List – by Vendor has been incorporated in the Supplemental Minute Book – Payment of Bills which is on file in the Township Clerk's office.

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS:

RL-2885 – Morris County Sheriff's Crime Stoppers – 50/50 on premise

Motion to approve Raffle Application made by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Brueno and unanimously passed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & OTHER BUSINESS

Motion to open the floor to the public made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Coppola and unanimously passed.

Jim Neidhardt, Appleton Way: As you know when the R10A was originally approved there were a lot of people in town that were not happy with that. Park Avenue and Whippany Road

Mayor: I don't know they fully understood the impacts of what was before them.

Mr. Neidhardt: I don't think a lot of people are happy, to say the least. A lot of negative talk. I do have to commend both the Township Committee and the builder for working together after it was approved in order to come up with something that was

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better, and that was done from my understanding to suffice some of the concerns of the residents, and having the opportunity to see the plans both the old and the new plans I don't think you did it justice in terms of explaining what a great improvement it was. Having looked at what a lot of the convenes were by some of the more vocal residents about buffering and visibility from the street and cut through which were valid concerns and I understand that you were picking between the lesser of many evils, still what was come up with, what was proposed and what is being put before the committee now is a tremendous improvement in terms of buffering and visibility although these homes are absolutely beautiful by comparison to the block type style that was originally proposed and approved, you are not going to see it from the road, there is going to be lots of trees and depth and foliage that is going to protect that, and also my understanding if the road that is going to go through the property is much more curved than it was previously which will greatly discourage the cut through.

Mayor: Another aspect of that Jim is you describe it as a road, Township probably will not take it as a road, because now it is a driveway and it's no different than the driveway at Grande which is a driveway system. So one of the big concerns was traffic avoiding the traffic light at Whippany Road by cutting through here, well you are probably going to see driveway speed limits of 10 mph etc., or similar, so we think that has been responded as well. It's a far better plan.

Mr. Neidhardt: In so many aspects, I would suggest since this was discussed at a meeting, when you present the pictures that you use the video here so that you can show the before and after. Only then do you really see the difference in the coverage the total coverage that the buildings take it is significantly less. I think that would be a great opportunity.

Mr. Coppola: There is a rendering that shows the before with an overlay of the after and that really shows you the difference of how significantly more enclosed the carriage houses are that you probably won't even see them off the road.

Ms. Eames: Met Life development, I drive by a lot, in all honestly I'm still recovering from the removal of those beautiful trees the sloping of that property and that new building right there, and I'm sure you are not done with it, it's a much wider road and I know that when it happens that tends to increase the speed in which people travel a road, come out of Morris Avenue in Morristown which they have such trouble with it, if you want 25 mph speed limit you shouldn't have a four lane road there, I think about that, when I think about the property there. I'm sure you're not done, obviously they haven't even started the landscaping but those big berms in front are they staying? Can you describe to me?

Mr. Ferramosca: The berms that are there will be totally redone on top of those berms there will be trees planted, so if you were sitting in the parking lot of OLM chapel and you were looking dead on at the building you will see the top floor of the building, everything else will be buffered. Significant buffering the setback which according to the ordinance was 300 feet, the only modification to this was 25 feet in order for them to get

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that 25 they needed to agree to us that they were going to shield it properly because we did not want to have a monstrous building sitting onto Route 10.

Ms. Eames: That's what you kind of see, but it looks like that big berm is to hide it but it's really a big berm so you are saying it's going to be lowered?

Mr. Ferramosca: It's going to be beautifully landscaped.

Ms. Eames: Is it going to be that high?

Mr. Ferramosca: Yes.

Mr. Brueno: With trees on top of it.

Mr. Ferramosca: Again, if you were sitting in the parking lot of OLM's Chapel and you were looking at it you will only see the top floor.

Ms. Eames: It's just rather naked now, I realize it's a new building, they are not finished, but it looks a lot different than it used to.

Mr. Ferramosca: Regarding the speed limit issue, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Coppola can speak to you they are trying to rationalize the speed limit to Whippany Road from Parsippany all the way to Park Avenue.

Mr. Gallagher: I will tell you one thing about Whippany Road when we discovered this with our Sub Committee is from Park Avenue to Route 10 the speed limit actually changes 7 times. So we have a plan in motion to make that consistent and we also want to look at the fact that we have three schools in close proximity to one another, OLM, WPHS and Salem, so we are looking at that, and the one other thing that I learned in the past 21 months working with this committee is the more lanes is in response to congestion and around schools sometimes we hear about comments regarding speeding, the speeding are the people who are late, typically our biggest problems around school is congestion. So with the four lanes I think it will alleviate a lot of congestion and I think.

Mr. Eames: What do you mean 4 lanes? It's already 4 lanes.

Mr. Ferramosca: It's going to be three lanes going north from Eden Lane

Ms. Eames: It was four lanes in front of Lucent.

Mr. Ferramosca: There will be a total of five lanes.

Ms. Eames: Is it five lanes plus a turn lane.

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Mr. Ferramosca: No, a fifth lane added will be a deceleration lane to enter into that campus.

Motion to close made by Member Brueno and seconded by Member Coppola and unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Brueno: One note from Recreation, there are tennis courts at upper Malapardis Park, I don't know how many residents ever actually utilize those, it's probably a facility that is under-utilized but we are teaming up with our High School students and some aspiring engineering and science students we are going to take on a project of making recommendations as to how to better to utilize lights low impact, maybe some solar energy if applicable and kind of revitalize that park. Point being we are working with some local students who want to make the town a better place and this is the first project we are undertaking. We are looking forward to the recommendations and happy to be working together with some of the local students in the community.

Mr. Coppola: Landmark had their concert last month at MJS even with the bad weather we had a nice turnout. It was a really great concert and it dealt with the history of Hanover and the tri-centennial. Speaking of that, there is a forum on the 21st of November over at MJS at 9:00-2:00.

A lot of the things are about the History of Hanover Township. As you go through the town you will see a lot of construction going on, lots of road work, Police Officers all over, the Committee would ask that everyone to please be patient. Within a month or so, most of the construction will be completed Whippany Road should be done by no later than January 1st, they are doing very good head way, we are working on Eden Lane from Boulevard to Jefferson Road. New sidewalks on that street and we just paved Mount Pleasant and Legion Place, and they are doing a lot of work a lot of traffic getting bad here and there, but we are just asking everyone to please be patient.

Mr. Gallagher: I also just want to also acknowledge our Vets; my father was a Captain in the Army, by Father-In-Law was in the Korean War when he was 17. My first exposure to this was in 4th grade we accompanied me and my two brothers, my mom's choir at Kessler Institute and at that point I had my first real look at the sacrifice these men and woman made for us. When I was 17 years old, my biggest concern was having enough money to chip in my portion of my shore house that me and my friends got, so I understand and respect the sacrifice that they made for us like Ron said that we can be here tonight. I also want to thank Committeeman Coppola because I know he made 20 jumps and when I'm on my roof blowing out my gutters my wife comes out and says I don't want you up there, and I have a ranch. So George I appreciate all you have done, and all of these guys. I think even when I was 18 I really thought I was a

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tough guy and when I had to fill out my selective service, I was petrified and I asked both my parents if they called me do I have to go. Even though I was lifting weights and though I had big biceps I was petrified. So George I respect you and all of these guys thank you very much.

DPW, this year for some reason some of the trees are losing leaves late and all thought the guys are out 7 days a week with their machines there are a lot of leaf piles in the streets, so please be careful. We have one lane sometimes there are two cars that want to get by and maybe a kid on the bike, and it's dark early now, so the guys are out there 7 days a week working hard, please take a few extra minutes and be careful.

Mr. Ferramosca: Operation Pave Our Roads is well underway; the Township Committee has moved forward \$1 million dollars in capital improvement funds to do that. Mr. Coppola touched on some of this, I just want to make sure it's all clear, Whippany Road, we are making excellent progress, and we feel good about that schedule and hitting that schedule. Eden Lane is underway. Eden Lane for those of us who live in Hanover Township knows that that is a major artery for our residents. That's how we go from one side to the other in this Township, the good news is that we originally planning on planning from Boulevard to Jefferson we are now paving from Boulevard to Whippany Road. The entire stretch of Eden Lane will be done. Cedar Knolls Road was completed, Mount Pleasant and Legion place was completed.

From an Environmental Standpoint, the Green Team has won New Jersey State Bronze Certification for its efforts and congratulations to the members.

Last Saturday the Green Team ran a program called Free Community Shred Day in conjunction with Employment Horizons and it was a great success over 50 residents came out and over ½ ton of confidential information was destroyed at no cost to them. So that worked out very well and thank those who came out to do it.

Mayor: The second meeting of the Stoney Brook Community Farm will be held on the 20th of November that will be part of a steering committee, we are well on our way, working with Engineering to define the limits of the farm itself, it will be off of Fanok Road, but we are calling it the Stoney Brook Farm, you can access it by parking by the soccer field in the back. A lot of work ahead of us, but we got the right people on board, some people from the County, Interfaith Food Pantry and we are off to a good start ~ keep you posted on that. Close to 150 plots available for the community, with obviously the principal purpose is to get food to the pantry for those 5,000 families now in the County of Morris who still need food and assistance.

Lastly, I would like to address the community on one matter, I have been getting a great deal of phone calls probably deservedly so, you got a letter from

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our Township over my signature regarding snow removal for the sidewalks. Some have interpreted the letter as very disciplinary in nature, I assure you it was only a reminder to all of the residents in town to do what is responsibly correct and that is after a snow storm make arrangements to have your sidewalks cleared particularly those sidewalks in school areas where children have to get access to the buses. Township is part of the problem, we have to look at the manner in which we plow the streets and where we pile snow up at the intersections but having said that again, I apologize if anyone is offended by the letter but please take note of it and try to adhere to it. I know many of us go away for the winter God Bless You snowbirds that get to Florida and leave their homes and sidewalks, give some thought as to some arrangements as to how you would like the sidewalks cleared. If you are handicapped in any way or unable to do it and we know that we will try to work with you to make some arrangements to have the sidewalk cleared. We are not out to cause anybody any hardship especially any of us that are not prepared to shovel sidewalks. Please take the letter on the basis of informational purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Member Brueno and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

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