

DECEMBER 10, 2015

Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey was held on Thursday, December 10, 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

RECOGNITION:

**RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP LITTLE LEAGUE 10U
ALL-STAR SOFTBALL TEAM IN WINNING THE DISTRICT ONE AND SECTION ONE
CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE STATE LITTLE TOURNAMENT**

Hanover Township Little League Girls All-Star 10U Softball Team won the District 1 and Section 1 championships

PLAYERS RECOGNIZED: Melina Ayash, Gabriela Brulato, Evelyn Dente, Brooke Gasparine, Giovanna Mess, Amanda Myron, Colleen O'Grady, Kelly O'Grady, Madeleine Oswald, Alyssa Pavone, Isabella Pecora, Mikayla Swan, Brynn Yacat

Coaches: Craig Gasparine, Maria Mess, Mike Myron

Manager: Kristin Yacat

CHANGE IN FORMAT FOR THIS MEETING (will Open to Public for Comment after Township Business Complete)

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 23, 2015 and the Bid Reception Meeting Minutes of December 1, 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 November 23, 2015 and the Bid Reception Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2015 be accepted and approved as presented by the Township Clerk. The motion was seconded by Member Gallagher and was unanimously passed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

The following reports were presented and ordered filed as received:

Human Resources	J. Johnston	Month of November
Police Department	S. Gallagher	Month of November
Parks & DPW	B. Foran	Month of November (2 Reports)
CFMO	S. Esposito	Month of 9 th of November
Property Maintenance	E. DeSimoni	Month of November
Construction	S. Donlon	Month of October

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

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 31-15

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2. OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND ORDINANCE NO. 27-13 AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING 15kW NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY GENERATOR AT THE DPW GARAGE WITH THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW 60kW NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY GENERATOR BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$75,000.00 TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AS A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT

Proof of Publication that the Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction for Ordinance 31-15 appeared in full in the November 16th, 2015 issue of the Daily Record in accordance with the law.

Motion to convene a public hearing made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

Motion to close public hearing made by Member Francioli and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

Now on Adoption, Be it resolved, that an Ordinance entitled "**AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2. OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND ORDINANCE NO. 27-13 AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING 15kW NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY GENERATOR AT THE DPW GARAGE WITH THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW 60kW NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY GENERATOR BY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$75,000.00 TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AS A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT**" be passed on final reading and that a Notice of the final passage of the Ordinance be published in the December 14th, 2015 issue of the Daily Record.

Motion on Adoption made by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Gallagher and unanimously passed.

So Adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2015

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2. OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 22-15 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 1A AND PHASE 1B OF THE TOWNSHIP'S PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE CONNECTIVITY TRAIL SYSTEM BY APPROPRIATING THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$175,000.00 FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

Proof of Publication that the Ordinance and the Notice of Introduction for Ordinance 33-15 appeared in full in the November 28th, 2015 issue of the Daily Record in accordance with the law.

Motion to convene a public hearing made by Member Brueno and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

Motion to close public hearing made by Member Francioli and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

Now on Adoption, Be it resolved, that an Ordinance entitled "**AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2. OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 22-15 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 1A AND PHASE 1B OF THE TOWNSHIP'S PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE CONNECTIVITY TRAIL SYSTEM BY APPROPRIATING THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$175,000.00 FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT**" be passed on final reading

and that a Notice of the final passage of the Ordinance be published in the December 14th, 2015 issue of the Daily Record.

Motion on Adoption made by Member Coppola and seconded by Member Ferramosca and unanimously passed.

So Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS AS A CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. EXTENDING THE LIMITATION ON THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE HOURS OF SERVICE THAT MAY BE PROVIDED BY PART TIME DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS LAUREN DALGAUER AND DENISE BUOYE ON A TEMPORARY, FIXED-TERM BASIS UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2015.**
- B. EXTENDING PERMISSION TO HANOVER 3201 REALTY, LLC TO TEMPORARILY PARK A CONSTRUCTION TRAILER ON THE DEAD END RIGHT-OF-WAY PAVEMENT OF RIDGEDALE AVENUE AT SYLVAN WAY WITHIN THE MACK-CALI BUSINESS CAMPUS WHICH AUTHORIZATION TO PARK THE TRAILER SHALL EXPIRE AT 11:59 P.M. ON JULY 1, 2016.**
- C. AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ENVIRONCON, INC. THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$79,750.00 FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE.**
- D. AUTHORIZING A SECOND BOND REDUCTION BY REDUCING THE \$275,463.00 PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND BY LAUREL ESTATES, LLC TO \$175,813.00 AND REDUCING THE 10% CASH BOND FROM \$30,607.00 TO \$19,535.00 PLUS A PORTION OF THE INTEREST AS A RESULT OF COMPLETING 70% OF THE BONDED SITE IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIXTEEN (16) DETACHED SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS AND RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON NORTH JEFFERSON ROAD AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 15 IN BLOCK 9202.**
- E. AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE \$6,928.00 PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND TO SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA AND THE \$770.00 IN CASH TO CONTI COMMUNICATIONS, INC. ON BEHALF OF NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS LLC AS A RESULT OF COMPLETING THE ANTENNA INSTALLATION ON AN EXISTING ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWER LOCATED AT 37 WOODLAND AVENUE IN THE WHIPPANY SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP AND ALSO DESIGNATED AS LOT 14 IN BLOCK 9101.**

- F. AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE \$2,500.00 CASH BOND AND THE \$1,746.52 ENGINEERING INSPECTION FEES BALANCE TO SOLNYSHKO CORPORATION, THE LESSEE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 20 TROY ROAD IN THE WHIPPANY SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP AND ALSO DESIGNATED AS LOT 1 IN BLOCK 6903 AS A RESULT OF COMPLETING INTERIOR BUILDING MODIFICATIONS AND AN OUTDOOR PLAY AREA.
- G. INSERTION OF A \$2,000.00 JOHN TAYLOR BABBITT FOUNDATION DONATION TO HELP OFFSET A PORTION OF THE COST TO PURCHASE AED'S AS A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE INTO THE 2015 CURRENT FUND BUDGET.
- H. APPROVING THE REFUND OF VARIOUS TAX OVERPAYMENTS.

POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS.

Motion to adopt Resolutions as a Consent Agenda made by Member Brueno and seconded by Member Coppola and unanimously passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The governing body approved a grand total disbursement of \$7,959,510.37 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 – 2892 – Rotary Club of Morristown – Tricky Tray**
- RL – 2893 - Rotary Club of Morristown – 50/50 on premise**
- RL- 2894 – Assumption College for Sisters – 50/50 off premise**

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

Mayor: We will open the floor; you can address the Township Committee from the Podium directly in front of me, giving us your name and address for the record at that time. Consistent with our past meetings you will hold the floor for four minutes; the Administrator will be monitoring your time and will alert you to a time when your four

minutes is done. Anyone asking the same questions in a redundant manner will be asked to rephrase your question or leave the floor. All comments, statements and questions are to be addressed to the Chair, me. Speakers are expected to present themselves here in this room in a respectful manner and in turn will get the same respect from this Township Committee. We will take note of all statements but is not required to respond if we feel that the matter is to be considered by other Township Officials so at this time I will open the floor.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Jim Neidhardt, 34-14 Appleton Way, Whippany: Three quick topics that will not take my full four minutes. First topic is I wanted to make you aware of an update in terms of what happened at the Freeholder meeting last night. They did talk about Bail Reform in their informal session and several members had met with the State Senator Sweeney to discuss trying to get a delay, Morris County Passaic County are supposed to participate next year as a test and throw it out going forward. It's very expensive and the time is getting very short, so I just want you to know they are doing a very strong push and writing letters to all key people in the Senate and Assembly trying to get them to postpone this. That is their first objective, if that doesn't work perhaps in addition to that they are also looking at this as unfunded mandate which is going to put several millions dollars I think there is 15 employees and 16 employees that are required between the Prosecutor's Office and the Judicial area, so they are looking to convince them since it was the Senate Democrats that put this forth to also put funds available to the County, I don't know if that involves the Townships too, but I just wanted you to know, no comment I just wanted you to know.

Topic two and three both involved Township projects which have taken place recently or are in the process in concluding, both projects are ones which were designed and have the promise to provide a tremendous amount of benefit throughout the Township; the first one is the Eden Lane repaving which looks absolutely beautiful and it's very welcomed and will serve us all for many years to come. However there is one issue on that topic which I may have made one or two of you aware to yesterday and that is the line stripping. Eden Lane is considered a minor feed road as opposed to Whippany Road which is a major feed road, and as such they have different rules and regulations based on primarily the traffic that transposes through there, and prior to the repaving there was a turn lane into the Eden Lane Eden Mills condominium complex where I live...

Mayor: A dedicated turn lane?

Mr. Neidhardt: Yes a dedicated turn lane based on line paintings into the road. Into the main driveway, and I think the primary reason for that even though it's a minor feed road is that during rush hour there is a tremendous amount of traffic that does use

that as a cut through and coming from Our Lady of Mercy at Whippany Road down towards the condo complex it's a downhill sweep and the cars pick up a tremendous amount of speed and without that turning lane the cars are coming right up against your back end and there is a pressure to make a real quick turn, watching the traffic coming at you plus what is in your rearview mirror and I don't know since the lines are already there if it is possible when we still have line painters in town on the other roads if it were to be possible to black over the current stripping and restripe that?

Mayor: Gerry why wasn't it consistent with what was there?

Mr. Maceira: Just based on the fact that the amount of traffic demand that goes into the Condo really didn't warrant for that dedicated left turn lane, but we will watch it we will continue to monitor it. If it's a problem we can go back to it.

Mr. Neidhardt: I brought it up now while there are still line painters doing other roads.

Mr. Maceira: We are aware of it was a decision we made. You shouldn't have any issues.

Mayor: We will take a look at it, it's on the record.

Mr. Neidhardt: My last 30 seconds relates to the Whippany Road Parsippany Road interchange and the nice work that was done there, so far it has not relieved the amount of traffic there. Today there were at least 100 cars backed up trying to turn from Whippany Road onto Parsippany Road while there were about 10 cars waiting in Bayer to get out. So it's a 10 to 1 ratio two possible solutions and I know it's a county road, and the developer had done the work, but the traffic light timing may not be appropriate given the situation I know it's going to change when MetLife is coming in, but right now the flow on Whippany Road I think it's more important given priorities to keep the traffic flowing on Whippany Road then to get people out of Bayer. So timing of the light could be one possible solution, the other solution is the length of that turning lane going towards Quick Chek to make the left there it's a certain length it could be extended there is an island that is approximately 9-10 feet to do another lane and that could be cut down cause when you're at Eden Lane and Whippany Road, it's a very small island and it quickly grows to a larger island, that would be the extra lane that you can extend the turning lane from however many feet it is by about 50% and that would allow the cars to get out of the flow of the regular traffic and because of this problem and the back up in the though lanes people are making left hand turns in to the Quick Chek after the intersection. It's not good. Make you aware of it.

Mayor: Gerry would you make a note on meeting with Jim and getting those comments specifically so that we can take a look at it.

I've been there at peak hours and I've been there at the near done road and we've been monitoring it very closely I can tell you that at 1:00 I stopped by the Quick

Chek you can take a bowling ball and roll it down the road and you would get to the high school and not hit anything. All that traffic once again reinforces what I have already said, it's the traffic coming from Florham Park, Madison, etc., coming up from the Columbia Turnpike and using that to access to the highways.

Laura Gurcan, 5 Independence Drive, Whippany: The topic I would like to address is the double yellow line that appeared on Independence Drive a couple of weeks ago. The residents didn't receive no notice of this new double yellow line, no reason was given, I've read some things on the website that I understand it was expected to have resolved some speeding concerns. My opinion as a resident, I feel that it reduces the salability of my home, puts a lower home value now. People don't want to buy on double yellow line roads; I moved here 5 years ago and I probably wouldn't have bought on a double yellow line road. My concern is also that it encourages speeding, people perceive a double yellow line road as a busy road, a road that you go faster on. I would like to know what data exists and what alternatives did you consider before you took the action to put the double yellow line on the road as a solution to speeding.

Mayor: I think the Schools Park Safety Committee had met on this on several occasions and I think they are responding to the recommendation that they made responded to the neighbors in general and I'm just going to make a general statement here, because I had a recommendation for you as well. They are responding to the neighbors' complaints about speeding on the street; and many things were considered for that some more radical than double stripping such as speed bumps etc., and I don't think that would be acceptable. The matter is public safety and the matter is of the student population mostly coming through there at those times and the rates of speed now that's what's come forward from the neighbors in general at these meetings. Now, sitting at these meetings by the way is the Chief of Police and our Traffic Safety Expert Officer Loock, as well and George Coppola our Director of Public Safety, etc., all of this is taken into consideration before it was striped and why did they go to stripping? Stripping was used on Forest Way you might have seen it if you traveled up that way. Forest Way connects with American Way at the top and our neighbors up there were complaining about the same speeds that were coming through on Forest Way, it's a wide Boulevard type of road and the point is that people were using Forest Way as a cut through to go from American Way all the way down McNab to Ridgedale Avenue and get to Route 10 without Hanover Avenue. They did put the double yellow lines up there and there was some concern with it in the beginning but I will tell you the histrionics of it is that it slowed the traffic and improved the traffic and the phycology of it is that a driver has a tendency to want to stay in that lane and staying in that lane brings the speed down. But having said that you make a valid point about being notified of the stripping itself. My recommendation is that the Committee that made the initial recommendation and explored this which is our Schools and Park Safety Committee convene only on this subject and I make a recommendation, Tom I'm going to say that, I would think that we would want to send out notices to all of the immediate neighbors, Independence, etc. streets that are affected by this to attend that meeting and that the subject of that

meeting be exclusively on the addressing the problem of speed on the street and the means in which to do. Do you want to comment on that?

Mr. Gallagher: To be honest with you, for a long time, even before I was here we got a lot of complaints about the driving on that street, speed, the reckless driving and the drag racing, like Mr. Coppola just said, so with the School and Park Traffic Safety Advisory Committee we weren't looking that far back in the area of our schools until we realized that a lot of that was parents dropping off the students, young students driving back through that neighborhood, so when we decided that we knew we had to do something because we aren't traffic experts, we have a great Police Department, great Engineering Department, we have a great DPW, with all of the recommendations we had and all of the complaints we had I'll speak for myself right now, we felt that we had to do something. Now, the yellow paint to me is temporary, I've been talking to Brian Foran everyday on what we can do, what are our options are. Ron and I spoke today two to three different times today about designating a full meeting in January or February to your neighborhood and lay out all of the problems that we have had and all the complaints we have received in Town Hall and look at all of the options that we actually did look at. This is the smallest impact in your neighborhood that was recommended. Many recommendations have been made for a period of time now, and it wasn't until our last public hearing that a woman was besides herself talking about her children and how people drive down there, I just want you to know too, there was also concern that this was part of the reconstruction on Whippany Road; and Ron proposed not being able to make a left out of Bayer when it's complete, to go through Heritage Woods and John and I proposed not being able to make a right into Bayer coming through Heritage Woods. So big picture I have a lot of friends in your neighborhood and we talk quite a bit, to not do anything if somebody did get hurt, or a tragedy it would be really hard for me to live with and I know my fellow Committee members because while getting all of that information from experts and not doing anything that would have been hard to live with and maybe the wrong decision, should we have reached out? Yes, but we did reach out with our Public Hearing, we did put out all the information on the Town website, we put it in the newspapers, through the schools. This time we are going to ask Joe Giorgio to send a letter to every resident in your area and we are going to get together and sit down and look at everything that we can possibly do together and again I want leave you knowing that the yellow line is temporary and we did want to do something nicer and long term better but we need to get in our opinion a result that would make that area safer, and we think not allowing that to be a throughway into the new construction is going to be a big help also. I did also hear that the sign is a big help that we mounted in there that told your speed and reminded you of the speed so we are going to want to work on this, but we hear you loud and clear and we don't want to make your neighborhood not look as nice as it should but we kind of had a situation where we had to do something.

Mr. Gurcan: I appreciate your comments, it would have been nice to get some notice, we came home one night and the double lines were there. As a resident, I'm just surprised that there isn't since it's specifically really only deals with Independence I don't know about Heritage Woods in general but there should have been a letter that

was sent out to all residents before the double yellow line was put down. I understand you are saying that you had to do something and had to move quickly, we appreciate that but we would have appreciated if you are doing something in January or February please send letters out to people on Independence the few people I spoken with no one is happy with it. I can't say that we have talked to everybody on the street, but I've talked to my neighbors who I do know pretty well after living there for 5 years. The other thing I would strongly recommend right now and I've seen it in the past, put a police officer at the corner of Independence Drive and Bunker Hill, Bunker Hill is a perpendicular road that comes into the middle of independence. When I wasn't working a number of years ago, it's really only 8:00 and when the school closes that you see some seniors driving fast, but I think if you put a police officer there in the morning and or in the afternoon as soon as a couple of seniors get tickets there is going to be a lot of social media going out there, the other kids and they are going to slow down, and if it becomes a problem again, then you put a police officer again. I'm sure the town wouldn't mind the revenue.

Mr. Gallagher: I will just conclude by saying it has been better with Officer Grawehr back in the school, we also purchased a real nice sign that is going to be pointing down East Fairchild where we know some of the students are speeding, so we are going to ask Joe Giorgio to send out the letter to invite everybody in your neighborhood and to conclude I did speak to plenty of people in your neighborhood and they felt a little bit better once they realized it wasn't part of the reconstruction of Whippany Road, but we will work with you to do the best we can to make that area safer.

Mr. Gurcan: One other comment, it is interesting that the double yellow line was put down Independence and it's really because of the high school, is my guess, but when you look at East Fairchild, if you are coming off Whippany Road and you make a left or right onto East Fairchild only the first twenty, thirty maybe fifty feet has double yellow line, when you make the right onto Independence to go up that hill to get to the high school really over there there is no double yellow line down East Fairchild and to me East Fairchild is the busier road than Independence because people are coming through there from Whippany Road and Independence. In order to get to the high school you can go on Whippany Road or Independence.

Mayor: I appreciate your comments, can I suggest in the interest of this agenda etc that the comments and issues you are making are valid issues but we will have a special agenda meeting that Mr. Gallagher will run with this Schools and Park Safety and all of your comments would be better directed at that meeting, ultimately they will make a recommendation back to this board as to what they would like to do. But we will make sure that the Administrator gets notices out to each one of the neighbors on the streets there.

Thank you.

Mr. & Mrs. Gurcan: We greatly appreciate that. Thank you.

Kathleen Detrick, 2503 Whippanong Way, Whippany: I am the primary care taker of a feral cat colony in question. I want to make it known because there is a lot of incorrect accusations on your website that had been directed to me. First of all, I had implied permission from the BP Employees to put shelters back at that location, thinking that they were the owners. It was them who saw me put them back there, I thought they were the owners of this property. I later found out just recently from the letter that I got in the mail that was not a nice letter from a Jess Zicarello, who is the real property owner. I never knew that, because I was led to believe from BP that they were the owners of the property. I also want to say that I never ever as the website and Kim Zagorski has said that I got a violation in 2013 and 2014 and never have I been violated before. This is the first year that I got a violation. I had the NJSPCA at the site, I reached out to them for advice and I met them there. For two years, I've cared for this colony of cats. They are vetted and they are vaccinated. I have the documentation and I have a file on every one of them, the NJSPCA Frank Rizzo was at the site and said to me "twenty-something cats have depended on me for two years feeding them, we only get involved in animal cruelty charges, there is nothing else we do, we are not a shelter, you don't bring your cats here to surrender them, but with animal cruelty we get involved." And he also said, "you can't stop feeding them, they have depended on you for two years." I go in that parking lot and I have twenty cats running over to me, they know me and they know my car. He told me to continue to feed them but do not trespass. I have not trespassed, since I have received that letter, and I think that that is very important for the council to recognize. I also want to make it known that all of the customers at the BP gas station have looped around in the back and they all have put food down there for me, I've gotten notes. I can do a story book of gratitude of the encouraging letters I've gotten, the thank you notes, I thought I was doing a good thing, and I still think I am. They are vetted cats, there is an over population of feral colonies all over the local towns. These towns have to embrace trap, neuter, and monitoring, we have to. It reduces the over population and I hope that we can work with Hanover to look at this a little more. But I think this is a real problem, I think we need to work with a compromise, a reasonable compromise. I was told to seize and desist immediately. I was back there last Sunday, I took shelters out and I took everything I can carry, I have two shelters back there that a contractor made and I can't lift them, they are still back there and I can't lift them. You guys are going to have mayhem back there if I take those shelters. There are two of them back there. Charles Winkler Senior's companion works in the Florist, she told me that there were 4 cats in her florist basement one year that we are getting in the winter time, trying to keep warm, sheltering themselves from the bad weather, and she told me we have not had one problem over hear since you put those shelters up. So, there is going to be problems, there are going to be real problems, and I am just asking the council to look into this to work with us, it's Christmas time guys you know I don't want to do this. Let's have a heart, it's not my story it's the cat's story. It's not Hanover Township vs. me it's their story. They are not a threat to the public; they run from people not to people. So again, for people to say they are running around they are problem, they are not vetted. It's not true, they are all trapped and all neutered, they are fostered out.

I will leave it at this, my father was Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corp., and he taught me to never ever be afraid of what was right. To always stand up to the wellbeing of an animal or a person when their life was at stake, because society is kind of smintz for a lot smaller than the wounds inflicted on our souls when we turn the other way.

Hope Valenti, Bridgewater: I am a Board Member of CAPIC the Cats. Capac stands for Cat Adoption and Pet Information Center and we are all volunteers. We love cats we have been in existence since 1972 and we have helped 1,000's of cats. We have done all the cats that are in Kathleen's colony. We took the responsibility of spaying and neutering them and getting them their rabies shots. We have over 300 adoptions in the last 3 years of any kittens that we find in any colony that we service. We vet any cat that we know of that needs help. Last year our vet bills were over \$100,000.00 and we fundraise for all of that money. I am here because TNR in the state of New Jersey 139 communities work together with their town councils and rescue volunteers and the local animal shelters and their government. Ordinances that are obsolete are often changed and rewritten by councils so that TNR can become the accepted way of dealing with feral cats. 10 of these towns are in Morris County and I have the lists. Killing innocent and healthy cats is really a thing of the past, and town governments are realizing this as well as most of the residents that are in the towns. Killing the cats does not alleviate the issue and it actually makes it worse. The towns that do TNR do better off financially and if you, the council, I have been to many council meetings, if you seriously look at TNR (Trap, Neuter and Return) it saves towns money and it saves towns a lot of money and we can do that, we can show you what and how it works. We request the OPRA records for your town so we can present that to you tonight, but unfortunately we did not get those records in time. We need those records to present that to you and that's what we were hoping to do with the OPRA records. We are not here to threaten anyone we aren't here to cause any problems; we are only here to help the cats. So we are asking you to please, consider TNR. If the cats can't stay where they are now, we realize that the property is now owned by this other person, but we are asking the town council to possibly find a new public space where all of these cats could be relocated if the gentleman that owns the property now says forget it. There was never a problem for two years, but once he got sited from the town for the issue then it became also a siting for Kathleen. So we would be hoping that maybe if the town would say, this has been an established colony for two years maybe they can keep it here and maybe that gentleman would be nice enough to let us keep that colony there. There are no rabies problems, we have been doing this since 1972, we have never had a rabies issue in any colony and believe me we service 1,000's of cats everyday.

If the town embraces TNR then we are hoping that the Town and the owner would let us stay there, moving colonies is really a difficult thing to do, but it can be done. Not something we want to do but we don't want the cats killed. We have records for every vaccination for rabies, all the cats are ear tipped, which means when they do get to the vet and they spay or neuter them they have a little tip of their left ear cut off and that's how you would identify an ear tipped cat. So this way they wouldn't be

caught twice and have to be paid for twice. Licenses for feral really make no sense because there is no home address and all of the organizations that are nationwide do not recommend licensing. But if the town believes this is necessary CAPIC would be willing to pay for that if you feel we need to have that. We are asking the Town to be true leaders don't accept the status quo and kill these cats. Trapping the cats and bringing them into the shelter, any person here that has anything to do with cats knows that if you bring a cat to a municipal shelter that cat is dead, because a feral cat cannot be adopted they are too afraid, they are going to freak out, they are going to be unadoptable animals and that is certainly death for them. So please we are asking you to have a conscience and to consider a temporary waiver of the legal restrictions in regards to Ms. Detrick's feeding of these cats. These cats are healthy they are beautiful. I was there many times, I was there on Sunday and helped her clean this place from the shelters to move them and to get them out of there, but we really don't want to do that, but we did that because we were trying to show good conscience to the town that we want to not have issues. If Parsippany Shelter trapped any of our cats already we are asking that they be released back to the colony, if they stay at that shelter they are dead. If relocation is needed, we need time, we cannot do this in a week. This was a two year endeavor to relocate catch and trap these cats it's not an exact science we can try to trap twenty five cats and we can get three. You never know, we also have much support and we are just asking you please consider TNR because it really is the way that most of the towns in the State of New Jersey are now going.

Mayor: Thank you.

Ronda Babinski, Branchburg, New Jersey: President of CAPIC and I have a couple words.

Mayor: You came a long way.

Ms. Babinski: Yes we did. I have all of these rabies certificates that everyone has been talking about, so I am in possession to give them to you or your health officer today, these are your copies to show that in good faith that we have spayed, neutered, and rabies shot these animals. Basically what I want to say, this is the first siting since November 11, 2015 that we knew about this that this has been brought to our attention. We just ask that you reconsider and let these animals stay.

Mayor: Thank you.

Beth Foler, Green Brook, New Jersey: I just wanted to make a few comments because sometimes I think that people that love animals or are passionate about cats and peculiar get called "crazy cat ladies," my husband has called me that on occasion, but listen I run a big business for Bank of America during the day and at night I leave my office and I take care of a colony for 5 years now. It started out as 18 cats and through the kindness of CAPIC cat rescue which I'm a volunteer member we trapped neutered spayed vaccinated every single one and now we are down to 4 cats. Sometimes they

get hit by cars, sometimes it's just tough living out in the winter especially last winter, and I have shelters for them and I feed them every day, it's just like Kathy, people have given me food over the years and what have you, not that I've asked for it, but I think people appreciate those that have compassion for animals or those that don't have a voice, so I think what is misunderstood about the whole TNR concept is that eventually its not in perpetuity, eventually these cats die out, as long as they are spayed and neutered, the typical life span of a cat a domestic cat, it's typically 12-15 years, but when it's a feral cat it's really only 3-4 years maybe 5, sometimes not even because they die out because of the weather and what have you. So, we don't anticipate this colony of Kathy's even if it were to have to be relocated to some other secluded location in Town to go on in perpetuity. Right, it's not that type of concept; it's eventually in a couple of years you are going to see a very dwindled population as long as we stay up on this on the trapping spaying and neutering. I personally was involved in her colony because she called me for help and said "I came home from church one day, Beth and I stopped at Fox's Dress store, and I saw all of these cats, and I didn't know what to do, so I went to Shop Rite and I got food," that's how it all began two years ago and I told her that I work with a rescue group let me help you, because if we don't get them it's going to be mayhem there. If Kathy stops feeding I can tell you, because I've seen it happen in other towns, the cats are going to go in the dumpsters they are going to go on cars, it's really going to be mayhem, that is sort of what happens. So we are respectfully asking your consideration just to even if we had to relocate because we understand that if the property owner concern, it's really not an exact science when you are dealing with live animals, trust me I've spent many a Sunday afternoons with 15 traps out trying to get as many as we can and then the darn things will go up there sniff around and run the other way, I just want to get you spayed and neutered. I understand the Board of Health hasn't ask Parsippany to go and trap these cats and euthanize them, and to us we spent thousands of dollars so much time and energy trying to help the town and help these animals by making sure they don't over populate. It would be tragic to just kill them all now, and so that is all we are asking is just for you to consider. It's December, it's the Holidays, it's really tough this time of year with all of us being full time working people and we do this on our own to find the time to trap them and relocate them right now, we just need time. If that's your answer that we need to relocate, it's not ideal, but we are almost okay with that, it's tough to relocate 20 cats in the middle of the winter and not easy on us but we are willing to do it because we already invested so much in this colony. I thank you very very much for your time, I appreciate it and I will make myself available if you want to hear more about anything that you want to learn about TNR and the benefits to the Township of Hanover. I appreciate it very much, Happy Holidays to everybody.

Mayor: Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

Diane Bacorn, Manville, New Jersey: I am CAPIC volunteer, I would just like to say that some of this might sound corny but I was helping these cats live out there days in comfort and security, helping anyone other than these cats, I'm going to paraphrase from a newsletter that I received just the other day, it's a group called Spring Farm Cares in New York, and they say with so many acts of violence in the world today, what

can we do to help alleviate the suffering, it's not just about this one group of animals, it's about the universal heart which resides in all of life, it's about compassion and unconditional love which flow from that universal heart. I just want to say to you that you have the chance to increase the awareness of compassion, the cats and the colony have all been vaccinated and neutered and ear tipped and they are cared for daily so by accepting TNR you have the chance to set an example of a caring compassionate solution and join 139 other towns in the State that do that. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you.

Gail Boldazari, 69 Reynolds Avenue, Whippany: I have worked and run a Humane Society for over two years, I've done rescue in Orlando, I was on the Mayoral Committee working with the Animal Welfare Committee of Point Pleasant Beach, with the Mayor's Office there, I've worked with other associated rescue groups in New Jersey and in the South and I am actively trapping and doing a TNR program with the Livingston Police Department. I heard some comments which I would like to address first and I realize that perhaps rehoming these cats could be very difficult. If you know anything about TNR, and I can give you something to read on that, it is a very difficult thing to do, when you have cats that have an established colony they are very bound to that area and they know where to hide, they know the resources. They look for the same place for food, and for shelter and when you rehome something many of them do not survive. Many people that do feed outside it's going to be really impossible to have people not feed, especially on their own property, feral cats. What I have found with many people also trapping now in Livingston is that they want to do the right thing they want to stop the population, they don't want to palpitate this over population but they are afraid to call animal control, they don't feel it's not a viable resource for them, and what happens is they don't know how to trap, they are feral they do take care with many of these cats, and they don't have the resources in which someone can come out and help them. They don't know where the low cost spay and neuter clinics are that can assist them, I would just like to present this to you and give you later two very local groups that do a wonderful job with spay and neuter and they promote TNR and it's a very viable and cost efficient way to save these cats. This is also a very quick summary of what TNR is and about the ear tipping and the difference between a stray cat and a feral cat which is important perhaps for the council to know. I would like to give these to you later.

Also, I don't know what the cost would be for the town to actually gather up all of these cats hold them for 7 days which is actually the NJ State statute on holding them, euthanizing them and then cremating them if that were the case and if they end up in the Parsippany Animal Shelter that would be the case. What is the cost to the community, as you have heard many of these groups take these costs on themselves, they fundraise and they manage and they vaccinate and they take on the cost on themselves. Here are the pamphlets that I would like to give you. I'm not sure what the cost would be to taxpayers but many of these groups as we did in Point Pleasant Beach and I would like to make a point that we did save the tax payers within 3 years, \$48,000 in Point Pleasant Beach, we almost eradicated any new ferals and if I can explain to you

quickly, with you do TNR if you eliminate an entire group of cats they seem to protect their area almost like a lion does to a pride. They protect that particular area, when you vacuum out those cats new cats will come in you will not stop it. If I can also show you this is the New Jersey State Department of Health and Human Services which actually has the guide lines for doing a TNR program, there are over 70 million cats in the United States living on the streets, it's not an easy solution to eradicate this problem we all know that but perhaps we can find a viable alternative especially with such an effort on this group and that has put so much effort and time in.

I was wondering if the council did know the cost for taking the cat and holding for 7 days which is NJ State Law and euthanizing it and cremating it, does anyone know the individual cost for each and every animal? I know there is cost to each municipality is charged, I know this from Point Pleasant Beach I was wondering if the council knew this?

Mr. Giorgio: We do not have that information.

Ms. Boldazarie: You don't, well then I ask please before a decision would be reached that we could know these associated costs before a decision would be made, I think the tax payers of Whippany would appreciate it. I can also tell you that when you have a TNR group come in when you sporadically go and try to euthanize different pockets of cats that are continuously come, when you adopt an TNR program you do a sweep of areas, the most populated areas, you wipe out those populations by Trapping, Neutering and Releasing the entire group, so we do a complete sweep. When you sporadically go in and use animal control and just pull out different pockets it creates what is called a vacuum effect, and I put it in one of those brochures, the new cats will come in, these cats are not processed they are not vaccinated and they are not healthy cats, so by keeping a stable colony there you are actually keeping other animals out. Also with regard to people making complaints, I would just like to say, we all have back yards, we all have property and it is amazing to me the complaints that come for cats, I think if we look at it any one day in our yards we will see deer, skunk and rabbits and chipmunks, birds, squirrels and mice fox and coyotes but it only seems to me that cats pose a problem and become a complaint for animal control. I don't exactly know why that is but it is a wonder to me. I would also say that TNR is condoned by the Humane Society, ASPCA, Alley Cat Allies, Pet Smart Charities, PETA and many other National Organization too many to mention. If I can tell you that nationally and locally People For Animals and St. Hubert's does a phenomenal job, if any of you can visit a place there where they spay and neuter every single there, I think People for Animals does over 20,000 spay and neuters a year. Many of this time is donated by local vets because they don't make any money when they do it for \$50.00, they are spaying, neutering, microchipping, vaccinating for rabies, they are even donating their time.

Mr. Giorgio: You have ten seconds; we let you speak for 8 minutes.

Ms. Boldazarie: That's because I took a water break.

Mayor: We took four minutes away for the water!

Ms. Boldzarie: With that, I hope that you will consider our plea. One visual, this is a process of cats eating outside and this is a TNR cat, what I would like to tell you is with a TNR group is they go in and the pickup these and they take them off the street and they get them adopted. That's the process that we intervene in we not only put a healthy population out there we intervene and we get cats like this that were out there with her and we get them off the streets and we vaccinate them on our own costs, we fully vet them and then find homes for them, so thank you so much.

Mayor: Very good presentation, thank you.

Lisa Klink, 36 A Legion Place, Whippany: I have been a resident here for 24 years, and I would like to consider myself home grown Whippany Girl, been here all of my life, went to Bee Meadow School, Memorial, Whippany Park, been here a long time. First and foremost, I just want to thank you for the respect that you have shown us here today, every person has been allowed to speak over their 4 minutes and speak about this case and I really truly appreciate that. My fondest memories especially being in this Town Hall was in 2002 and 2005 when I received my Silver and Gold Award for Girl Scouts for taking care of animals in animal shelters. I just want to thank you for those memoires and for showing us that respect first and foremost.

Obviously the topic that I want to address today is the cat colony and the problems surrounding that. My most concern right now is that we have a contract with Parsippany Animal Control, are any of you aware of the euthanasian rate in Parsippany for the cats? I do not have the data to present to you but it is public knowledge that last year there were close to 300 cats taken in and about 120 of them where euthanized. So that is about 40%. It's one of the highest kill shelters in Morris County. I have two cats from that shelter and it's heart breaking, the first thing I thought of was if we hand those cats over to Parsippany Animal Control they will die. I am requesting or asking for some type of meeting where we can all meet together with a place such as St. Hubert's that has humane treatment of animals and as everyone has said before, they recommend the TNR program. I have reached out to them and they can help us. They also told me that they offer an incentive plan but you need a contract with them. Is there a possibility of leaving our contract with Parsippany Animal Control and going with a place such as St. Hubert's? Is there a possibility?

Mayor: Yes. (applause)

Mr. Giorgio: Just so you know for the record, the Township of Hanover always contracted with St. Hubert's, the only reason why they changed was because St. Hubert continued to raise their price out of sight, we could not afford it anymore. That was the only reason why we changed.

Ms. Klink: I am requesting if at all possible that we could have a meeting shortly if possible just because these cat's lives are at stake, we can talk about this, because

I've reached out to many people in the Township that are upset about this and the situation, because we do not want to hand them to Parsippany Animal Control, I know the Executive Director at St. Hubert's she is more than willing to work with us, so I'm just asking for the possibility and that suggestion that we can all sit down and discuss this, just so that we are encouraging compassion for animals because the residents are watching, I'm a teacher, I encourage compassion for animals, it's really up to us to be the leaders for our citizens in our future.

Mayor: We are not opposed to that.

Ms. Klink: Really that is all I wanted to discuss is the reasons why we moved from St. Hubert's to Parsippany and I reached out to many citizens here in Hanover Township who are even willing to donate their own money, no one wants to see 28 cats in a colony just to be euthanized for the heck of it and honestly that's what is going to happen, if not the whole colony that still 40% on record that would be euthanized. So again with the up most respect from this committee who has shown me respect and has shown that compassion for animals and uplifted me when I was a teenager and now as an adult. I am just asking for that possibility to meet so we can have a humane way of treating the situation with the cats.

Mayor: Thank you very much.

Pamela Tracinski, Bridgewater: I am a colony care taker in Bridgewater. I work with my local animal shelter. I lived on my street 17 years, who started out with one cat. I didn't know anything about cats, TNR programs. There is a truck yard near me, 1 cat turned into 6 cats, turned into 12 cats and I reached out to my shelter, and there was NJ State guidelines for TNR. With the shelter, I followed their guidelines, and now I'm a caretaker and I TNR'ed the cats and cataloged all the animals, I made sure they were updated on rabies and made sure if they needed medical care that I made sure I took care of them, that's what you take on as a caregiver, such as Kathleen. You get very attached to the animals, not only helps the animals it helps the community cause now we are down to 12 cats in the neighborhood over a course of 6 years, no kittens. And through Bridgewater some regional animal shelter we have ordinances for colonies, there are able to get federal grants and other state grants that would help the Township to develop the TNR polices, help with the contract with the shelter to help educate the community volunteer within the community to offset any costs of the Township. So to me as a low income individual person I am taking on this colony to TNR and by the way, to cremate a cat it's \$200.00 as a public resident, which I don't know if the Township gets a break on that or not, it's unfortunate. We have had new neighbors move in if a cat has an ear tip the shelter would come by, if its ear tipped they don't touch because it's already been spayed and had its rabies shot. All I am asking is for the Township to consider trap neuter and return look into some grants, federal state because it's there and the state has guidelines for community members if you just google TNR you will see the whole process and train you how to do that, experts can come in and help your shelter or health officials to develop these ordinances that would help the community and save the Township money as well. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you.

Therese Ricossi, 40 Reynolds Avenue, Whippany: CAPIC Cats volunteers are here tonight because our mission is to help provide TNR where needed and to make the council aware of the benefits to our community both health wise and financially. The cost to the town and local shelter for euthanizing healthy cats is very expensive it is proven that there are better alternatives to deal with feral cat populations. TNR is a cost effective and humane way to deal with the feral cat population in over 139 New Jersey towns except this as their law. Cats are territorial and if a colony is neutered it is unlikely other stray unneutered cats will enter this area. If a cat does enter or is dumped the caregiver traps and neuters the new cat, without any births the colony does not grow. If you trap and kill a managed colony the territory is abandoned and new cats that are not neutered will now enter this area, this is called the vacuum effect and can lead to 100's of new kittens. Killing a managed colony is the worst thing that the Town can do; here are reasons why. An unsprayed female can have at least two litters per year with 4-6 kittens per litter, if the kittens are not neutered they can reproduce at an early age as well, thus causing over flowing shelters that is why TNR works and helps stops reproductive cycle. Feral cats are usually too afraid to come to close to strangers, none of us know of anyone that has ever been bitten or harmed by a feral cat and has seen rabies case in a feral cat. Thank you.

Debbie Seberg, 69 Reynolds Avenue, Whippany: I totally support the TNR Program. I few years ago, Gail, my friend Gail came to live with me because she was a victim of Sandy. I have been at Reynolds Avenue for the last ten years, never saw a cat, was not an animal lover, when she came to stay with me, she would point out to me that there were cats in my yard. We started trapping; we trapped 44 cats just in my backyard alone. A lot of those cats were adopted out. One of the women on the street was feeding all of these feral cats and unfortunately they kept repopulating and repopulating some of them unfortunate some of them, someone had a pool and there were kittens that were found dead in the pool. It was very sad, I'm a total lover of cats and kittens now. As a town and with Point Pleasant if you become a 501(c)(3) with your committee then you are eligible for grants you are eligible for a lot of things, so I would really hope that you would consider a TNR program. Thank you.

Mayor: Thank you.

Stephanie, resident here since 1998, I found about this cat issue about 1.2 hour before this meeting took place. I have to say I have never been to a Town meeting, and I'm ashamed to say that, however in this meeting alone I am struck by the caring that you gave to the children here that was wonderful what you did for them and I'm actually proud that my tax money is going towards that type of thing. I drive a school bus, I drive for Whippany High School, as well as East Hanover. I love children and I absolutely love animals and I would hope that the caring that you displayed for the children here can also be displayed for other living things within the town, such as the cats that this lady, obviously cares so much about. I also am not with a group, I actually don't know

the group but I'm impressed by them but I have on my own done some fixing of cats and I actually working through adopting kittens that I had gotten, I wound up getting involved in a, not in this town, but a condo complex in another town and that was there fate what was happening here, was that they were going to be trapped and euthanized. I talked to the management company that handled the condo complex and I talked to the manager and they said they tried this before many times, an animal control group would come in and trap some cats and euthanize them because they were feral and unadoptable that's what animal control does and what would happen is they wouldn't get everybody so it would just repopulate again. So I talked to him about me personally trying to handle the group and I one by one caught the mothers and caught the kittens got the kittens adopted got the mothers fixed and before you know it the cats were instead of 30 there was like 10 now there is 5 and he is so impressed by the way it worked he just raves about it because he never had that success with the euthanizing of the cats. So the other thing I want to mention and listening to what is going on is that it sounds to me like that the reason this property owner has a problem was possibly because he got a fine of some sort in connection with the cats I don't know, I don't know, but I do know that in regard to this that sometimes as mentioned people are afraid to handle a problem by calling animal control because they care about the animals and they know that animal control probably will euthanize so by adopting a spayed neutered program people will handle the problem a lot quicker because they feel that they can make the call and they can get the cat fixed and get it back and get it back and take care of it. But if they feel that it's going to get euthanized they do nothing because they don't want anything bad to happen to the animal. So again I wasn't planning on speaking here tonight and I thank you for all of the time and respect you have given everyone here but I really really hope that you will allow them to educate you about this, because I think it's a solution whereas what is going to happen to these cats I don't know what your decision will be, but I don't think it will be a solution and maybe through compromise something can be worked out, where the cats can live out their life. You have a group here who will fix them for you. If they are all fixed I have to tell you that I will be happy to hook you up with the property manager, your group will die off. They get hit by cars, they die off of old age, so I know you're looking at the time, I'll let you go.

Mayor: Thank you.

Kathy Rutlinger, Florham Park: I'm dealing with the same issues in my town. I wish I had a group like this to come to my meetings, people like you that were so attentive. Last time I went they wouldn't let us speak at all. I work as a volunteer group national group called Alley Cat Allies out of Washington DC and they promote TNR with education all over the county, and they also give out grants and people have mentioned that there are grants available, if the town will agree to try to pilot program sometimes you don't have to change your ordinance and they will fund the TNR program through a non-profit group, it could be through St. Hubert's or another rescue group. That is one option that you can consider. You can also get grants from Pet Smart Charities, but adjusting the issue of animal control because TNR is part of animal control, but animal control also includes wounded animals lost and found animals complaints, dangerous

animals and things like that so it seems that in addition to TNR issue the town would really need to consider hiring more humane entity for animal control and that's why I wanted to speak out on behalf of St. Hubert's because I know that their prices are high but I think that they would work with you on that and they can handle the TNR they can actually hold one of the grants from Alley Cat Allies and save the time some money on that part of it and they can offer like humane options and less killing. Consider if you lost one of your cats and it got taken to Parsippany and you didn't find out about it in time, maybe it wasn't microchipped or lost it's color or tags or something or maybe wasn't licensed your cat could be killed in this system that you have right now. There are many options and I encourage you to consider them, and thank you for your time.

30 Sunset Drive, Whippany: I am a teacher, and most of you are getting that glazed look that most of my students get at about 2:30. The only thing that I wanted to leave you with this evening is you had mentioned that the Township had been working with St. Hubert's and the only reason that Parsippany taken in lieu of St. Hubert's because of the cost. Let's face it running a Town is a business and we are all looking at the bottom line, but with that being said, I hope that when you sit down to think about this and to make a decision which I hope will be part of a meeting with some of these people that you will also take into consideration and look at the cost of working with St. Hubert's even if they don't lower their prices, and I'm sure they will, and what it will cost this Township and me as a tax payer to kill each one of those cats because that is what will happen. Thank you.

Jim Neighut, 34-14 Appleton Way, Whippany: When I first heard about this feral cat issue I didn't know a whole lot about it and I saw a lot of conflicting information between Facebook and what was on the Township website, so I did a bunch of research myself and all of a sudden 3 hours later I'm still reading. I was shocked as to how much information is out there on this subject, and I can vouch that virtually everything I heard tonight that was presented is 100% consistent to what I read. These people although are very emotional this is a topic they care about they presented themselves in a very logical way. I met Kathleen about a 1 year and 1/2 ago and I can tell you that every interaction I have had with her, she is nothing but a very caring person and she really loves cats, and if anything she did wasn't consistent with Town ordinance or something like that I just want you to know she did it out of the goodness of her heart and there was no malaise intended. I'm sure from what I can see it sounds like it's win win situation here for the town and the cats and the advocates here and I'm sure Kathleen would be willing to meet with you or the health officer one on one or in a group meeting to come up with some situation that would be a win for everybody. So what starts out as a problem by coming together tonight and getting information I think it's a win win.

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

Mayor: I am going to make a very brief statement for the Township Committee, I think that as we expected I think the Township Committee learned a great deal on some

shared information tonight, I want you to know that each one of these individuals here is a caring individual, there isn't one of us that hasn't raised pets, my children grew up with no less than 9 cats over the period of time, and several dogs, a gold fish, two hamsters and some other things, but and by the way all adopted. The gentleman sitting next to me on my left the Deputy Mayor will tell you that within the last year his family just flew up a dog after a loss of their pet, they adopted a dog from Dog's on Death Row out of Alabama (applause), I can go right down the line with my colleagues here, it's not that we are not caring, we are caring, I think you can sense that. We also have to understand that you are bringing forth your understanding of it as well, is that we have 13,000 residents in Hanover Township and it's their well-being and the health of these residents that we are all concerned with. Hanover Township has one regulation on the books, one, and that is to license a cat. Whether your cat is domestic or your cat is a stray, etc., licensing in Hanover Township is required for one reason, and by the way the cost of that license is \$5.00. Why is it at all? We have no way of knowing without licensing whether or not your pet has had rabies shots, has been neutered, has any other shots from protecting them from disease. We have no idea of knowing the cats that you are speaking of that we know of, if they are healthy and we certainly don't have a program to capture the cats as you are talking about and check their health, and certainly I speak for all 5 of my colleagues that I am confident that none of us approves of euthanizing any animal, but on that note, I think the responses of the Township has had on this matter that been brought forth by some other complicated matters and that is the supposedly trespass on another piece of property where this colony is being maintained. Shelters are put there, food is put there, etc., and your probably right these cats do come back to any area that they have a comfort level with, they know it they feed there, have shelter there. We have had comments from the property owners as recent as a few days ago, and an examination of the property, some of the shelters have been removed some of the food pans have been removed. I can't speak to that, I think what has come out of this discussion tonight is a good amount of information on that fact that we mutually want to resolve this issue for the benefit of our public and for the animals themselves. My recommendation from this meeting and I'll talk about our position on shelters in a second, is that if you want to have a representative or two contact our Administrator who will then make recommendation for you to meet with our health officer and have further discussion in what ways we can mentally come together to satisfy each of our requirements.

Having said that, it is very true that for countless years over 30 that I know that we have used St. Hubert's they have been a fine organization and in caring for all of the animals that they bring in and they do not euthanize any animals and the animals that they do have they're over population. We have a contract with Parsippany, we have contracted with those services, yes, over the spiraling cost of services for animal control, but when we look at animal control we look at it at all aspects. Issues we have with deer pollution, with other animals that by that way that are flourishing in our town like Turkeys around, so many in my back yard. But now even in our airport areas we have fox, we have so many other species that are coming through from that area. Our animal control people that we deal with, we depend on them to monitor and to seek or look over the animal population in this town. Parsippany that I will tell you that in reports

that I have gotten and requests that I have made to the Administrator for their performance, has done their job very very well, as far as effectiveness. They come to the Township and respond to us wherever we've had needs and problems with animals in the wild, does that mean that we don't explore other avenues, no, St. Hubert's we just did our little review of where they are and current cost and there is also another organization known as Animal Control Solutions which East Hanover has been using. We will revisit our contract with these firms knowing what we do know. There is no question in my mind that one of the issues with St. Hubert's and I understand it because I know they don't want to euthanate any animal that they get into a great expense on their boarding care, etc., they have a fee per animal that they capture, and we are talking as many as we are in some of these colonies, and in this one colony alone, and the reports that we are getting from our health officer indicate that it's not one or two cats its significant. But let me stop here, we appreciate the manner in which you presented yourselves before us, and I hope that you appreciate the fact that we are more than willing to listen and we are listening. We will review our contracts with these sources with a focus on doing the most humane thing that we can possibly do. Secondly, again, take my recommendation to have a member or two of your group contact our Administrator with the idea of getting together with our health officer and discuss what opportunities there are for town like Hanover, whether they be grants out there, whether there be other methods of spaying, neutering, trapping and maybe through that exchange we can solve each other's issues over this. Does that seem equitable?

Group: Yes.

Judi Iradi: Hanover Township:

Mayor: We need to reopen the floor.

Ms. Iradi: It's just a quick question.

Motion to open made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Gallagher.

Ms. Iradi: Does this mean that prior to your meeting with the group that you will not have Parsippany come in and trap those animals. What is going to happen with the cats and the colony?

Mayor: I can't comment on the current status of what our Health Officer program has out there, I know the issue right now where it lies is between the property owners on this matter and it's a matter of trespass at this point. So I don't know what the property owner Zicarello or the people that are behind BP have on plans for what they intend to do here, I know they indicated to us the dissatisfaction with what was going on there. Beyond that, I can't comment on to what we will intervene with our animal control people; I can say that we can suggest them that they monitor the site. It's not the answer you are looking for but it's not the answer I can give you.

Ms. Iradi: Okay, well I guess not knowing the violation Mr. Zicarella was given.

Mr. Giorgio: He wasn't given a violation. Mr. Zicarello has complained that there was a person trespassing on his property, a notice of violation. To the best of my knowledge, it went to Ms. Detrick, not to Mr. Zicarello. As far as I know, the Health Department has not asked to the best of my knowledge Parsippany to come in and take the cats. When I find out, I will let you know, but at this point in time, as far as I know, again to the best of my knowledge, the Health Department has not instructed Parsippany to come in there and take the cats. It was no notice of violation given to Mr. Zicarello because he was the complainant. If he wants to readdress that problem of trespassing, he has to go to Municipal Court, we are entirely out of that, we can't do that.

Ms. Iradi: Thank you Mr. Giorgio. So as far as you know, Parsippany has not been called into remove the cats.

Mr. Giorgio: As far as I know, at this point in time, I have to find out.

Ms. Iradi: I think the group here would appreciate it if it comes to that point that they would be notified first, so maybe they can get the cats and get them out of there.

Mr. Giorgio: I can't make any promises because I don't have the answer to your question, that wouldn't be fair to them and it wouldn't be fair to us, I have to be fair to everybody.

Jim Martin: You might have mentioned that there is only one legal stand that the Town has, is if they are licensed. If they license them, then what?

Mr. Giorgio: I don't understand your question, Jim.

Mayor: I understand what he's asking. If they license them, then we'll have to go capture all of those cats and give us \$5 and license them, then we will work that out.

Mr. Giorgio: Jim, according to the Ordinance, you can't have more than 5 cats on your premise.

Mr. Martin: Okay, that's what I wanted to know.

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

Mayor: We are going to learn more about this and work with our Health Officer and try and get more information from you and you have given us a great deal to start with, we know that our Health Officer will be open to suggestion as we are, and again our Administrator is our point person on this.

Mr. Semrau: As the governing body has said, this night has been very informative and I don't think it's what I can see that personally that I've witnessed in the

practice of law and this issue I thought it was presented so well, could I make one suggestion though? The Governing Body wants you to meet with the Administration and that Administration that works really well with issues like this, that means that they really want to try to figure something out, my only suggestion is I think there was a lot of information like someone said that was out there, before tonight on whether social media or something like that, my only suggestion is that it may not be people who are here, but I think it also would be good if it was sort of tempered because there are going to be these discussions. I'm not saying it was anyone here, but sometimes it gives it sort of, I anticipated something different this evening, because of some of the things that were out on social media, but I'm saying that it really sounds encouraging that everyone has made a good point and there is going to be a solution, so I encourage everybody to be positive about it because the Administration was the recipient of a lot of comments that really as you can see can listen and work together.

Member of Audience: I just want to say one last thing, we do not condone any people putting on faces up and saying horrible thing and attacking, I had anything that I saw on our Facebook page removed, that is not easy to contact these people, so I really apologize for any negativness because, it's impossible, I found out about organizations that I never knew existing on the internet and people were writing, I had to write to people that I don't even know who they are but yes there are crazy people out there I'm sure you all know that, but I don't think we are, and I know that I'm not, and our group is wonderful and I love Kathy, and we don't want the animals killed and that's all we are asking, and we are asking for positive solution and I promise you if I see anything I'll get our webmaster for our Facebook things removed, you can see that we tried our best but I can't help when people shared something with 900 people. I apologize for that, that's never what we would ever condone.

Mayor: We appreciate that, and I must admit that our Health Officer was truly upset of the last several days of this on some of the postings and some of the comments made about her, she is very professional and certainly doing her job and doesn't deserve any of the comments as you described some people who want to abuse through the social networks, it's difficult to control that. Having said that gentleman if there is any other comments at this time.

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John Ferramosca: I just want to issue a compliment to the Engineering Department; they had a _____ year in regarding the roads. They helped work with the county in the reinvention of Whippany Road and Parsippany Road, and in addition to that they went from planning to accomplish four roads within our Township and they took that all the way up to 8, so we appreciate the fine effort and complement them on getting that done.

Mayor: Roads look great; Engineering has done a great job.

Ace Gallagher: Just to conclude tonight, that it seems like the DPW has been out 7 days a week 24 hours a day, and they are almost done collecting all of our leaves, once again done a great job. I want to say thank you to Brian and all of the guys. Also our Halloween decorations are down and now Christmas decorations are up, and that was also done by the guys in the DPW, also a great job. They also completed the final improvements that we appropriated with the School and Park Traffic Safety Advisory Committee for 2015. Lastly, you will now see the Police SUV that was destroyed on Route 287 and it's the Substance Awareness Council again working with the Hanover Township PD and we are getting a little more involved in the "Buzz Driving is Drunk Driving" we want to raise awareness and we want to work and thank God our Officer is okay and walked away from that. Brian Polumbo, the Vice Principal of Whippany Park said that that Officer is going to come in and address the children as to what happened and how fortunate he is.

Mayor: Thank you, on that note. A very Merry Christmas to you, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza and in whatever you believe in this time of year Believe. Thank you all for being here.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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