

wanted it since he first saw how everything works around here but we are just finally funding streets and roads. He hopes we are very cautious on spending. We have gone this far without it and he does not want to go back to dior financial times over the position. We have been doing without this far. Brad Myhre stated that he agrees and that is why we are taking it step by step. He would argue there is a lot of waste that occurs in the Borough and duplication of services because we do not have the oversight and that costs the taxpayers money. Seth A. Grossman stated that this will look at management in the Borough all the way around. We can not afford not to manage our town better to make sure spend our money more effectively and get our personnel functioning at a better level. As far as getting other public funding, grant and other things, we have people doing it out of the goodness of their hearts and we will have someone dedicated watching out for our interests. Mayor Cooper stated that we are doing this in a step by step manner. The Administrative Committee will come back to this body with a recommendation on how this will be paid and a recommendation for salary. If it is the Council's will that we advertise this part time position to see what kind of individuals are out there and the salary requirements they seek, we will. Council consented. Attorney Cruz noted for clarifications on the advertisement, the 4<sup>th</sup> line down after borough in the middle, it will include implementing policies, plans and projects established by the borough council. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> line from the bottom, this position will not include benefits. And, in the last line after Clerk, "submit resumes not later than", you want to put in a cut off date. What date do you want in there? You will publish in the League of Municipalities, municipal mangers magazines, etc. Council agreed to use the date of no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Creek Road Project**

Mayor Cooper stated that we approved this evening the expenditure of money for this project as well as the Horseshoe Bend Road project.

### **Kingwood Avenue Sewer Pipe project**

Mayor Cooper noted that you have in your packets a memorandum from Robert Clerico, former engineer of the Borough, who has prepared the details for the sewer pipe project. He would like authorization to bid this project. Brad Myhre stated that everything in this plan for the sewer line support was already reviewed by the NJDEP and they were okay with it. Nothing has changed from the initial approval. The funding is also being support by FEMA funds but not in its entirety, 75% of the construction cost is being covered. Mayor Cooper noted that on the next to the last page, it shows the expected costs. We are covering the engineering. Council consented to go to bid on this project by voice vote.

### **Recycling**

Michele Liebttag stated that she will be giving Brenda Shepherd the daft for our publication. She has arranged through Republic Services a clean up day. We can do it the same Saturday that we did last year which was October 12th or October 19th. And other pieces of information that will go out in the newsletter will include a notation for residents not to put debris into the gutters of the streets, with the exception of leaves being accepted from November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will also include the 2013 and 2014 recycling dates, the upcoming dates for the Hunterdon County Recycling Program which includes a hazardous waste day clean up on November 9<sup>th</sup> and an Electronic day Clean up on October 12<sup>th</sup>. They will be included on the Borough website as well. Also, there will be a reminder that the Frenchtown Farmers Market will continue through October 27<sup>th</sup> and a save the date on the Green Fair happening on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Cathy Leach recommended

please send him an email tonight.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Cooper brought to the Council's attention correspondence from our Sewer Plant Operator regarding a problem between two neighbors on Kingwood Avenue. There are two residents who share the same sewer hookup through a "Y" connection and the connection got blocked by cocktail napkins. It resulted in sewerage backing up into the home of the lower property. Victor Gilardi looked into it. His recommendation is to let the homeowners' insurance companies and/or attorneys hash it out. It is a good recommendation.

Mayor Cooper noted that there was a notice from the League of Municipalities that they cut a deal with some grant funding service and for about \$100.00 per year to join, we can get free help and access to grant opportunities. Normally the cost is \$400.00 or \$500.00. He will ask the Administrative Committee to come back with a recommendation whether to join that or not.

Mayor Cooper noted that there was correspondence from Thomas Dodd from Animal Control Solutions. You may recall reading in the newspaper that there have been some allegations against Hunterdon Humane for improper treatment of cats and disposal. We do not know how that will all come out. This Council has been seeking alternatives from using Hunterdon Humane. We need to have an animal control officer on the books and they do that service. Mr. Dodd has presented us with a proposal. He will ask the Administrative Committee to look into that as well and make a recommendation. It is plausible that we could have a recommendation for the current year but certainly for next year. Brad Myhre asked that if in fact the charges go through, could we cancel our contract with them and would not have to make the final payment. Attorney Cruz stated that he would want to look at the contract. He added that it certainly appears on its face to be good cause to cancel the contract. Brad Myhre stated that there is a potential that the State would take it over. He does not know if it would change the definition of services provided. Mayor Cooper stated that as you know, he has already spoke to another animal control officer who is willing to make accommodations.

Attorney Cruz thank everyone for their good wishes, prayers, and making him feel welcome coming back and being patient during my absence.

Clerk Shepherd noted that the League of Municipalities preregistration date is October 1<sup>st</sup>. She asked that Council let her know who will be going. The Council meeting is scheduled for that Wednesday, November 20, 2013. Mayor Cooper stated that we could potentially hold that meeting and people could go to the League for Thursday. His intention is not to hold the meeting that night so we can maximize the flexibility of who would like to attend different presentations. Brad Myhre recommended that if the agenda is not full, that we not hold the meeting. Mayor Cooper stated that we can make a decision by the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Anyone desirous of going to the Convention, please let Brenda Shepherd know. That will help inform us about the decision of the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, a motion was made by Michele Liebtog, and second by Brad Myhre to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Motion carried by