

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Warren Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and stated that in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" this Meeting was duly advertised and published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on January 12, 2012 and the Express Times on January 12, 2012; the Agenda has been posted at Borough Hall and distributed to the Courier News, the Express Times, the Hunterdon County Democrat, and the Star Ledger on December 19, 2012.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Cooper asked everyone to stand for the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Present for the Meeting:

Robb Arent  
Seth A. Grossman  
Michele Liebttag  
Brad Myhre  
William Sullivan

Absent from Meeting:

Cathy Leach

Attorney Albert Cruz, and Borough Clerk, Brenda S. Shepherd, were present for the meeting. 9 members of the public were also present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Mayor and Common Council approved to open the public comment session by favorable voice vote.

Carol Hoffman from Alexandria Township, member of the Alexandria Historical Society, and Gerry Mayers member of the Milford Borough Historical Society, noted that they are talking about an event to get people together to do a reenactment of the Civil War on Memorial Day at Old Frenchtown Field. Carol Hoffman noted that they are looking at the Homestead House, and the American Legion for Veterans to get involved. Gerry Mayers stated that they are proposing 5 items and it can be any combination. Attached are the five items discussed. Any civil members would also be invited to participate in the Memorial Day parade. They would also like to participate in the ceremony on the Frenchtown bridge. It is what is the Council's pleasure and we are guided by your decision. Responding to Mayor Cooper, Gerry Mayers stated that they would need a decision from the Council within the next month. A lot of reenactments set their schedules in January. Mayor Cooper stated that he is not sure we can make a decision without getting permission from the NJDEP. Attorney Cruz stated that it would be open to the public and no one can be excluded. It does not have an environmental detriment. He does not know if there is a technical reason why Green Acres would not allow it. It is something that fits in well with the use of a Green Acres Park. Mr. Mayers noted that several years ago they were involved in an annual event at the County Park in Lebanon Township which was a Green Acres facility and there was never a problem with the Boy Scouts using the Park. Mayor Cooper asked if there are any fees being charged. Mr. Mayers stated that they may have to charge a fee. Mayor Cooper asked how they would handle parking and how many do they anticipate will participate. Mr. Mayers stated that there is a lot of turn out for the

parade and they do not know where they will park, perhaps in the back end of Old Frenchtown Field. He believes there will be approximate 50 participants. Brad Myhre commented that it is a great event and they will need to coordinate with the American Legion for the parade. He recommended that they contact the Post commander, Bill Tinsman.

William Sullivan noted that traditionally there has been a group that has held a picnic at the picnic area in the Old Frenchtown Field on Memorial Day and they have 100 to 150 people in and out throughout the day. They use the area past the parking lot which is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres. Gerry Mayers stated that he was not aware that there was a wooded area. They would not use that area. The event is a mini event with a small area for the Union Army and a small area for the Confederate Army. The people on Harrison Street would see it. Mayor Cooper stated that some amount of coordination has to be done with the American Legion, the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Fire Marshall with the open fire permit. Mayor Cooper also recommended that they coordinate with Councilwoman Leach, who is not here today, who is in charge of Parks. There are a lot of details that still need to be worked out. Insurance is another issue. The Borough will need an insurance certificate. Mayor Cooper stated that all the T's have to be crossed and all the I's have to be dotted. Brad Myhre noted that the American Legion Post Commander Bill Tinsman pre-meets with the police department for the parade. Mayor Cooper noted that the Council is having a meeting next week and one on January 2 so we will have plenty of opportunities to give you the approvals you need. That will give you a few weeks to give us the information we need. Carol Hoffman stated that if there is interest from the Council, they will pursue it. Seth A. Grossman noted that there is interest from the Council. Gerry Mayers asked if they can camp over. William Sullivan stated that we are not against it as long as all the T's are crossed and the I's are dotted. He added that the Boy Scouts camp up in Kingwood and get permission from the Township Committee and they are required to get a fire permit. It is a procedural issue. Gerry Mayers added that during the Milford centennial celebration, they needed a fire permit. We have to make sure it is a safe event. Carol Hoffman stated that they will get back to Council in the next week or so.

The Mayor and Common Council approved to close the public comment session by favorable voice vote.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mayor Cooper noted that we have a guest this evening that we anticipated earlier, Dr. C. Lawrence King, who we praised through the roof a few weeks ago. Mayor Cooper read the attached Proclamation from the Senate and General Assembly. Everyone applauded. Mayor Cooper asked Dr. King to say a few words.

Dr. King stated that in the course of the last 40 years of practice in Hunterdon County, he had the privilege of participating in about a thousand births and a comparable amount of deaths. He remembers attempting to resuscitate Chet Wetherford right here on the floor after he came here. Unfortunately that was unsuccessful. The cycle of life, the balance between new life and the life that has moved on is something he has been a part of in this community for awhile, long enough to get a sense of the passage of time and the value of human relationships. It is that sense of value and personal relationships that ment the most to him. The last day that he was in practice, one of his patients said to him "how does where you are today compare to where you wanted to be when you

first thought you would go into medicine?" He said he is exactly where he imagined himself being. The patient responded that he does not believe many people can say that. To a great extent, it is thanks to the people in Frenchtown and to the people he was privileged to care for, for so many years. Everyone applauded. The Council thanked Dr. King.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution #2012-127 – Resolution awarding contract for repairs to the pedestrian footbridge in the Borough Park**

Brad Myhre noted that FEMA has reimbursed us for part of the project for the infrastructure damaged created by Hurricane Irene. FEMA gave us 75% of the estimated costs and we received that money. Mayor Cooper noted that Kalogridis Contracting LLC is doing the creek project and they are going a great job. On motion by William Sullivan, seconded by Brad Myhre and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Mayor and Common Council approved Resolution #2012-127 as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION No.\_2012-127**

#### **FRENCHTOWN BOROUGH, HUNTERDON COUNTY AWARDING CONTRACT FOR REPAIRS TO THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE IN THE BOROUGH PARK**

**WHEREAS**, four (4) proposals were solicited for the repairs to the pedestrian footbridge located in the Borough Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the following proposals were received:

Kalogridis Contracting, LLC - \$13,410.00  
KDP Developers, Inc. - \$14,800.00  
Charles Mann General Contracting, Inc. - \$23,000.00

**WHEREAS**, the low proposal is from Kalogridis Contracting, LLC, 1315 Jackson Drive, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, in the amount of \$13,410.00;

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has provided a certification of availability of funds for this contract attached hereto.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of Frenchtown Borough, at its meeting of December 19, 2012, that a contract be awarded to Kalogridis Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$13,410.00; and

ADOPTED: December 19, 2012

I, Brenda S. Shepherd, Municipal Clerk of Frenchtown Borough, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Mayor and Council at a meeting held on December 19, 2012.

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Brenda S Shepherd, Borough Clerk  
Frenchtown Borough

**Resolution #2012-131- 2013 Sludge Removal Services Contract**

On motion by Robb Arent, seconded by Seth A. Grossman and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Mayor and Common Council approved Resolution #2012-131 as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2012-131**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Frenchtown advertised, and subsequently received bids, for 2013 Sanitary Sewage Sludge Removal and Disposal on December 3, 2012 per the attached bid summary:

WHEREAS, four bids were received as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Unit Price Bid Per Gallon</u>	<u>Total per Year Based Upon Estimated 312,000 Gallons</u>
Russell Reid Waste Hauling & Disposal Services Keasbey, New Jersey	\$0.1347	\$42,026.40
Accurate Waste Removal Services, Inc. Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey	\$0.1035	\$32,292.00
Spectraserv, Inc. South Kearny, New Jersey	\$0.108	\$33,696.00

WHEREAS, Timothy D. Bradley, P.E., of Omni Engineering has reviewed the submitted bids and determined that Accurate Waste Systems, Inc., 226 Prospect Point Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849 submitted the lowest responsive Bid in the amount of \$32,292.00;

WHEREAS, the Borough has appropriated sufficient funds to award the contract;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Frenchtown that the Contract for 2013 Sanitary Sewage Sludge Removal and Disposal be and is hereby awarded to Accurate Waste Systems, Inc., 226 Prospect Point Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849 for their Bid in the amount of \$32,292.00, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Contract is awarded as a unit price bid Contract and final payment will be based upon the actual quantity utilized at the \$0.1035 unit price bid per gallon, as outlined in the Plans and Specifications.
2. The Contract period will extend to December 31, 2013 as stated in the Bid Documents.

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Warren E. Cooper, Mayor

Dated: December 19, 2012

ATTEST:

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Brenda Shepherd, Clerk

**Resolution #2012-132 – 2013 Lab Services**

On motion by Robb Arent, seconded by Brad Myhre and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Mayor and Common Council approved Resolution #2012-132 as follows:

**RESOLUTION No. 2012-132**

**FRENCHTOWN BOROUGH, HUNTERDON COUNTY  
AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE 2013 LAB SERVICES FOR THE WASTEWATER  
TREATMENT PLANT**

**WHEREAS**, quotes were solicited for the 2013 Lab Services for the Borough of Frenchtown's Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, quotes were received from QC Laboratories in the amount of \$5,378.00 and LYONS Environmental Services, LLC in the amount of \$10,485.00.00 for those services; and

**WHEREAS**, the low quote is from QC Laboratories, 1205 Industrial Boulevard, Southampton, PA 18966, in the amount of \$5,378.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has appropriated sufficient funds to award the contract.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of Frenchtown Borough, at its meeting of December 19, 2012, that a contract be awarded to QC Laboratories in the amount of \$5,378.00.

DATED: December 19, 2012

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Warren E. Cooper, Mayor

Attest:

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Brenda S Shepherd, Borough Clerk  
Frenchtown Borough

**Resolution #2012-133 – 2013 Garbage Contract**

On motion by Michele Liebttag, seconded by Seth A. Grossman and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Mayor and Common Council approved Resolution #2012-133 as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2012-133**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT EXTENSION TO REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NJ LLC DOING BUSINESS AS RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL FOR THE BOROUGH OF FRENCHTOWN'S 2013 GARBAGE SERVICES**

Whereas, the Borough of Frenchtown entered into a contract in the amount of \$45,771.36 with Republic Services of NJ LLC doing business as Raritan Valley Disposal for garbage services for the 2011 after receipt of bids; and

Whereas, this contract allows the Borough of Frenchtown to extend this contract with Republic Services of NJ LLC doing business as Raritan Valley Disposal for up to four (4) one (1) year terms under the same terms, conditions and price; and

Whereas, the contractor has performed in an efficient manner and that it is in the best interest of the Borough to extend the contract; and

Whereas, the Borough of Frenchtown wishes to extend this contract for a one year term with the Republic Services of NJ LLC doing business as Raritan Valley Disposal for the year 2013 under the same terms, conditions and price; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has appropriated sufficient funds to award the contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Frenchtown, County of Hunterdon, that the Garbage Contract with Republic Services of NJ LLC doing business as Raritan Valley Disposal be extended for a one year period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 under the same terms and conditions and in the total amount of \$45,771.36.

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Warren E. Cooper, Mayor  
Borough of Frenchtown

ATTEST:

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Brenda S. Shepherd, RMC  
Borough Clerk

**Resolution #2012-134 – 2013 Recycling Contract**

On motion by Michele Liebttag, seconded by Brad Myhre and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Mayor and Common Council approved Resolution #2012- 134 as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2012-134**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NJ LLC  
DOING BUSINESS AS RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL FOR THE BOROUGH OF  
FRENCHTOWN'S 2013 RECYCLING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Frenchtown authorized the receipt of recycling quotes for the year 2013; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2012 quotes were received from Republic Services of NJ LLC doing business as Raritan Valley Disposal and Premier Disposal; and

WHEREAS, the proposal forms are the same as last year; and

WHEREAS, after discussion of the Mayor and Council, it was decided that the same single stream system be maintained along with collections every other week; and

WHEREAS, Republic Services of NJ LLC is low bidder on each and every item; and

WHEREAS, per collection for single stream collection of recyclables curbside every other week, 26 collections per year and the price per collection is \$468.00 and the price for one year is \$12,168.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe it is in the best interest of the Borough to make an award for single stream every other week collections, 26 collections per year for a total amount of \$12,168.00.

WHEREAS, the Borough has appropriated sufficient funds to award the contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Frenchtown, County of Hunterdon, that an award is made to Republic Services of NJ LLC doing business as

Raritan Valley Disposal in the total amount of \$12,168.00 for the one year period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

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Warren E. Cooper, Mayor  
Borough of Frenchtown

ATTEST:

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Brenda S. Shepherd, RMC  
Borough Clerk

## DISCUSSION

### Recommendations of the Downtown Revitalization Committee

Mayor Cooper noted that the Council has seen the report and Seth A. Grossman will give us the recommendation of the committee. Seth A. Grossman stated that the Committee did a community meeting about a month ago and they went over every page of the report. He will give a summary of the report and the chief recommendations. The Committee members who are here this evening are John Hindman, Dorsey Reading, Michelle Arlotta, and Dominikija Prostack. The committee began meeting in April and finished in September. Some of the recommendations are large in nature and others are practical in nature. Marie D'Costa did a lot of work on the report. Seth A. Grossman reviewed the purpose and task of the committee and noted that the assignment was broad. The report is advisory and we were asked to have a report in by December 31. The plan is built on the 2006 village center plan. Planning Board Chairman was on the planning process. The Borough won a prestigious award from the American Planning Association as one of New Jersey's Great Town. This association is looking to nominate the Borough for one of the greatest towns in America.

Seth A. Grossman noted that the committee focused on six aspects of downtown revitalization and economic development in Frenchtown:

- 1) **Utilize prevailing technologies of downtown-town center-revitalization:** Cooperative retail commercial management, enhanced customer service approaches to business development, pedestrian orientation, destination management, and asset based planning and management.
- 2) **Conduct strategic planning methods** using teamwork, visioning, and SWOT analysis.
- 3) **Review market and business trends** impacting Frenchtown and how this impacts Frenchtown as a whole.
- 4) **Address streetscape, infrastructure, and redevelopment improvements.**
- 5) **Examine the parameters of and establishing a Business Improvement District** to sustain cooperation and needed services.
- 6) **Examine the establishment of an Economic Development Commission** to sustain the work of the Committee and prepare for future outcomes.

Seth A. Grossman noted that the Economic development commission is a key recommendation.

Also, included in the recommendations is to investigate a business improvement district, provide funds for services, manage the district, establish an arts & community center and build a coherent branding and advertising program. The old hatchery was the number one lot recommended for redevelopment. Everyone he talked to thinks it is a thing that should be done. Also, we encourage the Shale Cliff development, building the new riverbank park, improve parking, encourage and strengthen the up keep in the downtown, establish a visitors center, develop and expand the connecting trail system around Frenchtown by connecting the greenways around town. We have a lot of hiker and this would keep them in town. Seth A. Grossman asked the Council if they had any question. Having no questions from the Council, Seth A. Grossman stated that it was a privilege to work with the committee. We had wonderful discussions. Mayor Cooper thanked Seth A. Grossman and the committee. It is a huge endeavor. He added that he thinks the next step is for Administrative Committee to talk about how we could go forward and understand what establishing an economic development commissions involves and a budget. We need to bring it forward as a discussion item for Council and figure out the next steps.

#### **Extending the scope of the Nishishackawick Creek stream project**

Mayor Cooper stated that about a week ago, Borough Engineer William Burr came to him and said that Linda Peterson, from EWP program of the USDA, who shepherded this project from the beginning, had been at the site, toured the project and had a conversation with William Burr and Kalogridis Contracting to see if they could continue the channel cleaning and removing trees, steel etc. that are down there. Early on we did not include the last leg of the project. Linda Peterson, William Burr and Kalogridis Contracting felt that it would be viable under existing permits, and she said if we decided to do this portion, she would make sure the offer of the grant and the 75% reimbursement and 7.5% engineer reimbursement would be reimbursed. We asked Kalogridis Contracting what the additional work would cost, and they indicated approximately \$25,500.00. Mayor Cooper stated that he discussed this proposal with Council President Brad Myhre and since it needed to be done right away, we decided it would be in the best interest of the Borough to do the additional work. They gave the contractor the go ahead. Brad Myhre stated that the project came in under what was estimated originally. This will complete the project in the way it should have been completed. Brad Myhre stated that we had the permits in place. Seth A. Grossman stated that the Mayor and Council president made the right call. Michele Liebttag commented that the project would have looked unfinished if they did not do that portion. William Sullivan stated that it eliminates that project in the future. The Council consented to the Administrative decision. Mayor Cooper noted that the project was completed in under a year. He is pleased and think that the residents will benefit.

#### **Sending out an end-of-the-year letter to residents**

Mayor Cooper stated that he wanted to send out an end of the year letter to residents inviting them to the swearing in ceremony and asking for volunteers for several positions on boards, commissions and committees. He noted that we will not be able to make it by the end of the year. Brenda Shepherd reminded him that it take two weeks to go through the county printing program. Subsequent to discussion, the Council agreed to hold the swearing in ceremony on January 2<sup>nd</sup> prior to the regular meeting. Attorney Cruz stated that it would be advertised as a special meeting. Mayor Cooper stated that he will write something up for Council's approval.

### **Vultures on Kingwood Avenue**

Mayor Cooper stated that this is a problem that has come up before and is now back. There are quiet a few black vultures and turkey vultures roosting in the white pines on Kingwood Avenue. It is a real problem for property owners and residents. One cat has been attacked. Residents are fearful they are under attack. One resident is using an air horn to scare them away. They are walking around them and making a mess. Mayor Cooper noted that he has been in contact with the County Health Department. Vultures are a protected species. Property owner says you can get a permit to kill one bird for \$400.00. There are 20 to 30 birds roosting there. The County Health Department stopped to look at them and saw at least 30 to 40 birds. Yesterday, there were 100 to 150 birds swarming around the downtown. Brad Myhre recommended drafting a letter to Commissioner Martin of the NJDEP to ask for help. He also received a complaint that residents are feeding stray cats. The combination of strays and leaving food out may not help. People should be reminded not to do that. Mayor Cooper stated that he has approached the individual about leaving food out. Black vultures will attack living animals. Most are turkey vultures. The Hunterdon Humane animal control excludes feral cats from our contract. Mayor Cooper also noted that he did find out today that vultures are actually a federal problem. Vultures are migratory animals and they cross state lines. Good news is there is a wildlife damage management services unit from USDA right here in Pittstown. He will try to call them. Once they roost, they stay and call others. If we can not get help, we will call Commissioner Martin.

### **Fire hydrants on Ridge, Ward and Cedar**

Mayor Cooper noted that Jeanine Fenlon came in last month in reference to the homeowners insurance being cancelled. He has also gotten a phone call from Dave Butler who indicated that he got a letter from his insurance company about being cancelled because there is no fire hydrant within 1000 feet. Mayor Cooper stated that he asked the Fire Chief about it. The main water lines comes down Ward Street. He will call NJ American Water Company to see what we could do on Ward Street to get these people to be within 1000 feet. There is a main coming down Ward Street from the water tank. William Sullivan noted that the Borough pays for every hydrant in town. He asked if we can put a hydrant on private roads. He added that the Borough has not accepted any of those roads. Brad Myhre stated that the issue has to be resolved. We maintain and plow those roads. William Sullivan stated that it is not our jurisdiction. We do not maintain those roads to minimum road standards. Mayor Cooper stated that we need to move forward to do something about the roads. The developer who built those homes is no longer in business. William Sullivan noted that all of those properties are on private roads. They are all aware of it from their title searches. Mayor Cooper stated that we have collected taxes for 30 years from them. Mayor Cooper stated that he is seeking more information to see if we can help these people. He will bring it back to Council for more discussion. Brad Myhre recommended that we work to get the situation addressed as the homeowners are at risk of losing their insurance. William Sullivan commented that it may just be their carrier does not insure because of that. He added that his father lives on a street with the fire hydrants miles away and still has homeowners insurance. We can not set a precedent to accept private roads. Mayor Cooper noted that he went to the Fire Chief first and we need to be guided by the health, safety and

welfare and the Chief says that the health, safety and welfare will be enhanced. Seth A. Grossman stated that criteria needs to be developed. Brad Myhre added that we may have to invest money to make a determination. As those septic systems begin to fail, those property owners will not get a DEP permit to put a new septic system in. We will have to add them in eventually. For planning purposes, we need to solve it. William Sullivan stated that there is a reason why we have not accepted those roads. In addition, they do not meet the road standards. Responding to Mayor Cooper, Attorney Cruz stated that you are not being negligent. Many communities that have private roads and they will continue and will be private in the future. Do not hold yourself up to a higher standard than you should. Mayor Cooper stated that there are private road ownership agreements. Attorney Cruz responded that it is not true and that Council should come forward with a plan and consult him. This is a complicated issue in terms of responsibility. Private streets are difficult to resolve. Subsequent to a brief discussion, Attorney Cruz commented that you have to be careful. You may have to get an easement. Very often in a new subdivision the property line ends at the end of property. In older subdivisions everyone owns to the center of the road and they have an easement. Brad Myhre recommended that the Council make this an item to investigate for 2013. Attorney Cruz requested that the Council include him in discussions. Etc.

#### **Swearing in ceremony, 2013 reorganization meeting**

Mayor Cooper reported that he attended the County Fire Officials' meeting and there was a decision made on what devices and radios will be functional going forward for the fire dept to be able to communicate with the County. We have two years to replace all of our radios. It will cost us nothing other than replacement costs for radios which is about \$800.00 a piece. The FCC changed the regulations and there is grant money out there. We never submitted for grants. The radios will all have to be upgraded. Grants are something the fire department should investigate. Mayor Cooper stated that the good news is that we have two years to do it. We can buy half of them this year and half next year. That will help spread out the cost.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Nishissackwick stream restoration**

Mayor Cooper stated that this subject was discussed earlier in the meeting.

##### **Wastewater Treatment Plant Project**

Robb Arent noted that they are having a preconstruction meeting tomorrow for the DPW building which will be erected next week. They started the concrete work for the foundations for the clarifiers and will start to put in the forms to pour the walls for the clarifiers.

##### **River Mills**

Mayor Cooper stated that the plantings look nice. It is more appealing with the plantings.

##### **Kingwood Avenue sewer pipe project**

Brad Myhre reported that the application to the DEP was sent in under the special permitting for the project. As soon as we hear back from them, we can proceed forward. We would have had to get additional approvals from FEMA to change the plan and would have had to apply for new DEP permits and pay. It would have required special approvals.

**Pedestrian bridge in the Borough park**

Mayor Cooper stated that this subject was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Michele Liebtag reported that she has the end of year report for the Fire Department.

Michele Liebtag also reported that in the Council packet there is correspondence and at the last SWAC meeting, there was a conversation about clothing bins. Certain municipalities have passed ordinances and there is a permitting process associated with them. Legislation was introduced because they found out that organization were placing collection boxes out, collecting items and then selling them for profit. Certain municipalities passed ordinances to make sure they are legitimate and used for certain purposes. SWAC is discussing it and we should discuss it. There are a few sample ordinances attached. There is some enforcement piece in one ordinance where the police are responsible to cart off the boxes. That would need to be discussed.

Mayor Cooper noted that it is 9:00 pm and asked if Council wanted to continue. Council consented to continue.

Brad Myhre reported that he got projections for the debris clean up. He still needs the cost of repairing the siding, window and doors of the police department and the antenna on Borough Hall. William Sullivan stated that they are working on the doors. They asked a lot of people but it is either too small of a job or specialized work. We only have one person to give us quotes so far.

Brad Myhre also reported that the Police Department did a nice job going to the school after the Sandy Hook incident. They did a lock down and gave an education course. Anyone is to report if they think something is wrong.

Brad Myhre stated that the Council received a nice thank you from Connie Sworen for recognizing Ronald Sworen. Brad Myhre added that he attended the Freeholder Board ceremony for Ronald Sworen.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Cooper reported that the Prosecutors held a school conference earlier this month to get schools and Police Departments to adopt a common protocol. They told me they will be meeting again in a more formal way. Brad Myhre stated that the policy now is the first officer enters the school and does not wait for back up in order to minimize casualties. The new process includes additional risk but they want the officer to try to go in and take out the shooter. Mayor Cooper noted that it involves a set of protocols although each situation is different. They are to actively engage when they come on the scene.

Mayor Cooper also reported that Diane Laudenbach has provided us with a Tax Collector's report. At the end of November, we were just shy of 94 percent collection. We should know soon what the year end percentage will be.

Mayor Cooper noted that we received an invitation for the County Freeholders swearing in ceremony for Matt Holt and John King which will be on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm.

Attorney Cruz wished everyone Happy Holidays.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None addressed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, a motion was made by Michele Liebttag, and second by Robb Arentto adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Motion carried by favorable voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda Shepherd, RMC  
Borough Clerk