

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

VERIFICATION:

Municipal Clerk Gretchen McCarthy certified that the meeting was noticed on January 14, 2016 in the annual meeting notice and on April 15, 2016, notices were sent to the Trenton Times, filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk and posted in the East Windsor Municipal Building. All requirements of the open public meeting act have been satisfied.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by John Donnelly

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council Members, Denise Daniels, Marc Lippman, Alan Rosenberg, Perry Shapiro, Peter Yeager, John Zoller and Mayor Janice Mironov. Also present were Township Attorney David E. Orron, Township Manager James P. Brady and Municipal Clerk Gretchen McCarthy.

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

Earth Day – April 22, 2016 - RECYCLING POSTER CONTEST AWARDS

Mayor Mironov honored the winners of the recycling poster contest and presented the Earth Day Proclamation to the Ethel McKnight School for having the most participation in the contest.

Alcohol Awareness Month - - April 2016

Mayor Mironov presented a \$1,000 check funded by the Municipal Alliance Grant and proclamation to Denise DiComa and Ulrica Infosino of the East Windsor School District After-Prom Committee in recognition for their efforts by hosting the after-prom event to provide a fun, safe and alcohol-free environment for the students on prom night. Council Member Yeager expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Municipal Alliance.

Arbor Day- (April 25, 2016)

Mayor Mironov will present the Proclamation at an event to be held at the Drew School

“Donate Life” Month - April 2016

Yom Hashoah- Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust- (May 4, 2016)

Mayor Mironov stated that the Proclamation will be sent out to all the neighboring synagogues for use in area ceremonies and services.

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

November 10, 2016

It was **MOVED** by Yeager, **SECONDED** by Rosenberg that the November 10, 2015 minutes be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Abstain – Daniels
Nays - None

There being six (6) ayes, one (1) abstention and no (0) nays, the November 10, 2015 minutes were approved.

Mayor Mironov asked that the minutes of the following meetings be rescheduled: November 10, 2016 Closed Session, December 8, 2015, December 22, 2015, December 22, 2015 Closed Session, January 1, 2016, January 12, 2016, January 26, 2016, February 9, 2016, February 20, 2016 Budget Review, February 23, 2016, March 8, 2016, March 22, 2016.

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance 2016-05 An Ordinance to Authorize Exceeding the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits to Establish a Cap Bank

Ordinance 2016-05 was read by title by the Municipal Clerk. Mayor Mironov stated this Ordinance had been introduced at the March 22, 2016 Council meeting. Mayor Mironov then declared open the public hearing. There being no public comment, Mayor Mironov declared the public hearing closed.

**TOWNSHIP OF EAST WINDSOR
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-05

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP
BANK**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor in the County of Mercer finds it advisable to permit an increase of its CY 2016 budget by up to 3.5%, if necessary, over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$630,845.88 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized herein that is not appropriated as part of the final CY 2016 budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey as follows:

I

1. In the CY 2016 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of East Windsor shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$630,845.88, and that the CY 2016 municipal budget for the Township of East Windsor be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,
2. Any amount authorized herein that is not appropriated as part of the final CY 2016 budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.
3. A certified copy of this ordinance as introduced shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction.
4. A certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, shall be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

II

REPEAL

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

III

SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

IV

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the final passage and publication as required by law.

It was **MOVED** by Zoller and **SECONDED** by Rosenberg to adopt Ordinance 2016-05 and authorize publication as provided by law.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays Ordinance 2016-05 was adopted and authorized for publication as provided by law.

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2016-066

Resolution R2016-066 Authorize Reading of Budget by Title Only on Second Reading/Public Hearing

RESOLUTION R2016-066

**EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 of the “Local Budget Law” provides that the Local Budget may be read by title at the public hearing if at least one week prior to the date of the public hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget is made available for public inspection and to each person requesting the same, during the week prior to and during the public hearing;

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk has certified compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the 2016 Local Municipal Budget and Garbage District 1 Budget shall be read by title only.

It was **MOVED** by Yeager and **SECONDED** by Rosenberg to approve Resolution R2016-066.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays Resolution R2016-066 was approved.

Resolution R2016-056 Adoption of the 2016 Municipal Budget

The Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2016-066. Mayor Mironov stated the Municipal Budget had been introduced on March 22, 2016 and at that time the public hearing was set for April 19, 2016. The Township Auditor Frances “Bud” Jones and Finance Director Laurie Finger were present to field any questions that might arise. Mayor Mironov declared open the public hearing. As no members of the public wished to be heard, Mayor Mironov declared closed the public hearing. Mayor Mironov inquired of the Township Auditor and Finance Director whether approval of the budget, as is, had been approved by the State. Both answered in the affirmative that State approval had been received. Mayor Mironov stated that the budget being adopted is the identical budget that was introduced and it provides no tax increase for the year 2016, representing the third year in a row that the municipal budget contains no tax increase, meaning the rate has been identical for 2016, 2015, 2014, and 2013 – 43 cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation and again remains the smallest part of the total property tax bill and averages around 15% of the total tax bill. Putting the budget together based on a foundation of prior year was difficult and Mayor Mironov expressed thanks to Laurie Finger, Finance Director and James Brady, Township Manager for their important work as well as other departments for their input and meetings with the Council on this conservative budget that meets the needs and expected service levels of this community.

It was MOVED by Lippman and SECONDED by Shapiro to approve Resolution R2016-066.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays Resolution R2016-066 was approved.

Resolution R2016-057 Adoption of the 2016 Garbage District No. 1 Budget

The Municipal Clerk read by title Resolution R2016-057. Mayor Mironov indicated this budget is complementary to the main budget which was introduced on March 22, 2016. Mayor Mironov declared open the public hearing on Resolution R2016-057. As no members of the public wished to be heard, Mayor Mironov declared the public hearing closed.

It was MOVED by Zoller and SECONDED by Lippman to approve Resolution R2016-057.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays Resolution R2016-057 was approved.

Resolution R2016-067 Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Hightstown for Senior Program/Center Services

Mayor Mironov asked that the date of February 29 date be changed to February 28. This interlocal agreement has previously been discussed and it has subsequently been reviewed and approved by Hightstown and a signed copy has been forwarded for East Windsor approval.

RESOLUTION R2016-067

**EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, by Resolution R2015-086, adopted on May 5, 2015, the Township Council entered into a successor Agreement, with the Borough of Hightstown to continue the provision of Senior Program/Center Services, commencing on March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into another successor Agreement, commencing on March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017, to continue the provision of Senior Program/Center Services by the Township to the Borough of Hightstown; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. authorizes the approval of Shared Services Agreements by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the Township Manager's recommendations on said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The attached Shared Services Agreement between East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough for Senior Program/Center Services is hereby approved for the period March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:65-1.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement.

It was **MOVED** by Daniels and **SECONDED** by Rosenberg to approve Resolution R2016-067.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays Resolution R2016-067 was approved.

Resolution R2016-068 Approval of Agreement for Mutual Aid and Assistance with Mercer County

Mayor Mironov noted that a memo has been received on this matter from the Police Chief, explaining that while the Township currently does have mutual aid agreements, Mercer County has asked that all municipalities in the county sign on in case of emergency.

RESOLUTION R2016-068

**EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, mutual aid and assistance agreements between municipalities, counties, law enforcement agencies, police, EMS, fire companies or EMS organizations and fire departments situated in fire districts operated by a Board of Fire Commissioners, are permitted, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-26 and 40A: 14-156.1; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD-5), the development and administration of a National Incident Management System (NIMS) which would provide a consistent nationwide approach to Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and,

WHEREAS, “The New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act”, N.J.S.A. app. A:9-33 et. seq, provides for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey during any emergency by centralizing control of all civilian activities having to do with such emergency giving the Governor control over the resources of each and every political subdivision to cope with any condition that shall arise out of such emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs promulgated rules in accordance with the “Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act,” N.J.A.C. 52:14E-11 et. seq., commonly referred to as the “Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Regulations” N.J.A.C. 5:75A et. seq.; and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the residents of Mercer County to enter into a mutual aid and assistance agreement with municipalities in Mercer County to include but not be limited to, emergency management, emergency medical service, fire service, government administrative, government electrical and construction inspection services, hazardous materials, health care, law enforcement, public communications, public health, and public works personnel, to provide additional protection against loss and aid in recovery from, damage or destruction by fire, catastrophe, civil unrest, major emergency or other extraordinary devastation, damage or destruction to person and property, in those situations when outside aid and assistance is needed; now, therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the County of Mercer and municipalities and jurisdictions participating throughout Mercer County to provide services in the event of a large scale emergency or disaster, with a term expiring on December 31, 2020; and,
2. That the Municipal Clerk shall forward (3) certified copies of the Resolution and three (3) copies of the Agreement to the Mercer County Office of Emergency Management.

It was **MOVED** by Yeager and **SECONDED** by Shapiro to approve Resolution R2016-068.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays Resolution R2016-068 was approved.

Resolution R2016-069 Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayments

RESOLUTION R2016-069

**EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
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WHEREAS, the East Windsor Tax Collector has certified that there have been overpayments for various reasons on certain properties; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers are entitled to refunds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make payments to the taxpayers for overpayments according to the attached Tax Collector's 2016 Refund of Taxes List Number 5 dated April 5, 2016.

It was **MOVED** by Lippman and **SECONDED** by Zoller to approve Resolution R2016-069.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays Resolution R2016-069 was approved.

Resolution R2016-070 Approval of Developers Agreement for Hovione, LLC

Mayor Mironov explained that this agreement is for the approved expansion that more than doubles the size of the current Hovione facility to approximately 50,000 square feet, and adds about 60 new jobs in the community and Hovione is eager to move forward with the expansion.

RESOLUTION R2016-070

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WHEREAS, Hovione, LLC, the owners of property known as Block 20.01 , Lot 23 as shown on the official tax map of the Township of East Windsor, received Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval with a Variance from the Planning Board on April 18, 2016 bearing application No. PB15-008; and

WHEREAS, the developer is required to enter into a Developer's Agreement and the same has been prepared by the Township Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Developer's Agreement with Hovione, LLC, in the form attached hereto.
2. The Township Engineer is authorized to take any and all action necessary to carry out the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
3. A copy of this Resolution certified to be a true copy be forwarded to the Township Engineer, the Township Attorney and Hovione, LLC. .

It was MOVED by Rosenberg and SECONDED by Zoller to approve Resolution R2016-070.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays Resolution R2016-070 was approved.

Resolution R2016-071 Closed Session (Litigation: East Windsor Rescue Squad II)

RESOLUTION R2016-071

**EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from the closed session at close of tonight's open session.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

(Litigation: (Litigation: East Windsor East Windsor Rescue Squad II)

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when these matters are resolved or as soon thereafter as it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

It was **MOVED** by Shapiro and **SECONDED** by Yeager to approve Resolution R2016-071.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays Resolution R2016-071 was approved.

Resolution R2016-072 Approval of Amendment to Contract with Maser Consulting for the Route 130/Hankins Road/Conover Road Realignment Project

RESOLUTION R2016-072

**EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP
MERCER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2009, the Township Council approved by Resolution R2009-178 after issuance of a public request for proposal and in accordance with the Fair and Open Process as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, et seq, a professional services agreement with Maser Consulting, P.A. for engineering services for Phase I, II and III of the Route 130/Hankins Road/Conover Road Intersection Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2009, the Township Council, as approved by Resolution R2009-178, authorized Maser Consulting, P.A. to proceed with Phase I only for preliminary engineering; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2012, the Township Council, approved Resolution R2012-70, authorizing Maser Consulting, P.A. to proceed with Phase II for the final design and required permits in accordance with the approved professional services agreement ; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2014, the Township Council, approved Resolution R2014-168, authorizing Maser Consulting, P.A. to proceed with the development of individual property parcel maps for six (6) parcels of land for the Route 130/Hankins Road/Conover Road Intersection Improvement Project in accordance with the approved professional services agreement ; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for additional engineering consulting services regarding the environmental constraints of properties known as Block 46, Lots 1 and 2, in connection with the Township acquisition of Lot 1 and Rights-of-Way acquisition through Lot 2 for the Route 130/Hankins Road/Conover Road Intersection Realignment Project; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the contract for this professional service may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded in accordance with the Fair and Open Process as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the Township Attorney’s recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the amendment to the contract is \$12,600.00 and funds are available in the Account No. V-20-56-852-856, entitled “Reserve for Transportation Improvements” as evidenced by the Chief Financial Officer’s Certification No.T2016-006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of East Windsor, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Council hereby authorize Maser Consulting, P.A. to provide professional engineering consulting services regarding the environmental constraints of properties known as Block 46, Lots 1 and 2, in connection with the Township acquisition of Lot 1 and Rights-of-Way acquisition through Lot 2 for the Route 130/Hankins Road/Conover Road Intersection Realignment Project in an amount not to exceed \$12,600.00.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Contract Amendment Authorization with Maser Consulting, P.A.

It was **MOVED** by Lippman and **SECONDED** by Rosenberg to approve Resolution R2016-072.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays Resolution R2016-072 was approved.

Resolution R2016-073 Action on Award of Contract for the Provision and Installation of _____
Trees to Downe’s Tree Service, Inc.

Mayor Mironov requested that this Resolution be held to the next Council meeting

APPLICATIONS:

Raffle License RL: 2016-003 American Legion Post 148- From Friday April 1 through Monday
October 31, 2016 at 895 Route 130, East Windsor, New Jersey- Pull Tabs

It was **MOVED** by Rosenberg and **SECONDED** by Zoller to approve Raffle License RL:2016-003 for American Legion Post 148- from Friday April 1 through Monday October 31, 2016 at 895 Route 130, East Windsor, New Jersey- Pull Tabs

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays Raffle License RL:2016-003 for American Legion Post 148- from Friday April 1 through Monday October 31, 2016 at 895 Route 130, East Windsor, New Jersey- Pull Tabs was approved.

REPORTS BY COUNCIL AND STAFF:

Council Member Rosenberg reported on the Clean Communities meeting held on March 24, where the April 16th Recycling Day, the April 23rd Spring Clean-Up, and the April 30th Operation Medicine Cabinet were all discussed.

Council Member Yeager reported that the Municipal Alliance met on April 13th and discussed some work being done on a brochure and third quarter reporting. The Recreation Committee also met on April 13th and discussed the recently held 5K Run/Walk, the upcoming summer camps and planned summer events.

Council Member Shapiro reported on the previous evening's Planning Board meeting where the application for One Mile Storage was heard and is being continued.

Council Member Zoller reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting held on April 7th where Township promotional materials and Gateway signs were discussed.

Council Member Daniels reported on the March 24th Commission on Aging meeting where discussion was had about building maintenance.

Council Member Rosenberg remarked about the success of the 5K Run/Walk.

Mayor Mironov spoke about a volunteer appreciation event held for the individuals who volunteer for the Senior Center. Mayor Mironov also wished to make it a matter of public record as a follow-up to the previous Council meeting that the contract for the solar project was made available to all Council Members to give all time to respond to the Manager with any comments of which there were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Mironov announced correspondence received from Mercer County dated April 8th that work will be commencing on Ward Street on Monday April 25th between Etra Road and Davison Road. Information on that has already been put out in the e-news and the Township website.

In other County correspondence dated April 18th, there is going to be a project on Old York Road between the New Jersey Turnpike overpass to Herbert Road.

With respect to a comment made by Mr. Zoller at a prior meeting, the Mayor indicated that Mercer County was going to be doing work on the bridge on Old Trenton Road, but it will not likely be until sometime next year and all will be kept posted.

Mayor Mironov stated that a letter was received from Comcast indicating that they will be opening a new X-finity store in Lawrence to provide upgraded customer service and will close the smaller front counters in Trenton, Lambertville and East Windsor on or about May 2, 2016. Mayor Mironov expressed annoyance at this news, describing it as very poor customer service with the significant rates being charged for their services. The current location is adjacent to a major part of the East Windsor community which has a bulk agreement with Comcast for service. Mayor Mironov did place a call to the author of the letter but has not heard back yet and a copy of the letter was sent to the Twin Rivers Trust as well. Mr. Zoller expressed concern over this closing. Mayor Mironov requested authorization to send out an immediate letter indicating that East Windsor is extremely disturbed by this surprise and that this is not considered to be a well-based decision and would like the matter reconsidered. Council Member

Rosenberg spoke regarding the need to sometimes exchange equipment at the Comcast office which will now be made more difficult. Mayor Mironov read from the correspondence, Comcast claims that customers have other options to pay bills, such as online or from an app. With regard to the drop off of equipment, there is availability of bringing the equipment to U.P.S. stores and to have it delivered to Comcast at no charge and Comcast will ship equipment to customers for a shipping fee. Ms. Daniels commented on the hardship and inconvenience to residents of the Twin Rivers area that may not have vehicles to get to the new Lawrence office.

It was **MOVED** by Yeager, **SECONDED** by Lippman to reply to Comcast, per the Mayor's comments, as quickly as possible.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays to reply to Comcast, per the Mayor's comments, as quickly as possible.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mayor Mironov specified the various bill lists and trust fund lists presented for payment. Council Member Zoller inquired regarding procedure on the first three bills listed on page 6 of the 2016 Current bill list. Mr. Zoller also inquired of a bill on page 20 of the 2016 Current bill list. Township Manager Brady replied to both questions. Mayor Mironov asked that a bill on the 2nd page of Current 2016 list be held and also inquired why a Kelly bill reimbursement was listed on the bill list. On the Capital bill list for the H.V.A.C., Mayor Mironov asked be held pending clarification.

It was **MOVED** by Lippman, **SECONDED** by Zoller to approve the Bill Lists with exceptions noted.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Daniels, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays – None

There being seven (7) ayes and no (0) nays the various presented Bill Lists were approved with the exceptions noted.

MATTERS BY COUNCIL: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND COUNCIL ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE:

1. 2015 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Recreational Trails Grant Program

Mayor Mironov indicated that a memo had been received from the Public Works Director on this matter, separating the various categories and making comments. Mayor Mironov explained the categories and suggested that Resolutions authorizing submission of applications for the grant be listed on the next Council meeting agenda. Council Members concurred with this approach.

2. East Windsor Bicycle Safety Program

Mayor Mironov stated that a \$10,000 grant has been received to fund this program, which has three phases 1. Bike Helmet Giveaway; 2. Mock summons program recognizing young people wearing helmets; and 3. Bike at Night, Use a Light. Council Member Yeager spoke to the importance of all phases of the program and suggested continuance of the program. Council Member Zoller expressed the importance of the use of bicycle lights. Mayor Mironov and Chief Marshall will coordinate dates for the three phases.

MATTERS BY PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Closed Session (Litigation: East Windsor Rescue Squad II)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.

Gretchen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk

Janice S. Mironov
Mayor