

**August 19, 2004  
Stewartsville, NJ  
7:30 P.M.**

The Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich held a regular meeting on the above date with the following members present: Mayor Frank Marchetta, Deputy Mayor Gregory Blaszk, Committeewoman Elaine Emiliani, Committeeman Brian Visconti, Township Engineer Michael Finelli, Township Attorney Peter Jost, Township Clerk Kimberly Viscomi. Absent from the meeting: Committeewoman Pasquarelli

**The Flag Salute was repeated**

The SUNSHINE LAW was read as follows: "Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by: 1. Mailing a schedule of this meeting of the Township Committee to the Express-Times, Phillipsburg Free Press, and the Newark Star Ledger newspapers 2. Posting a copy thereof on the Township Bulletin Board, and 3. Filing a copy thereof with the Township Clerk".

• **CONSENT AGENDA**

"All matters listed below under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will not be discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately".

1. Receive, and File Monthly Reports:

<i>Tax Collector</i>	<i>Planning Board</i>
<i>Municipal Court</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Police Report</i>	<i>Building Department Report</i>

2. Receive, Charge to Various Accounts, and Pay Monthly Bills

Committeeman Blaszk made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to approve the Consent Agenda

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to open the public comment period.

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Bob Stone of 523 North Main Street – Asked the Township Committee regarding the proposed sports complex, if the Township Committee was going to put on the ballot the question to the voters. Mayor Marchetta informed that the Committee doesn't have the final figures on the cost. Also, Mr. Stone questioned if anything has been done to the Old School. He stated that he previously told the Committee of the broken windows. Clerk Viscomi informed that she would be going with Road Foreman John Howell to go through the building and board up and secure the building. The broken glass around the building will also be cleaned up.

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to close the public comment period.

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY**

**SECOND READING / PUBLIC HEARING  
BOND ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE 2004-11**

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND  
ORDINANCE NUMBERS 2003-05 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE  
ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS, PARK  
AREAS, OPEN SPACE, AND OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES),  
HERETOFORE, FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE  
OF NEW JERSEY ON APRIL 17, 2003, TO AMEND CERTAIN GRANT  
PROVISIONS THEREIN.**

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to open the public hearing regarding Ordinance 2004-11

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committeeman Blaszk made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2004-11

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszk to adopt Ordinance 2004-11

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Mayor Marchetta**

Mayor Marchetta informed that the Township preserved the Rayna farm. He thanked Doris for preserving the farm. He stated that this was a great thing for the Township.

**Shared Police Services Bloomsbury and Greenwich Township**

Mayor Marchetta informed that the Township received correspondence from Bloomsbury Boro requesting shared police services. Committeewoman Emiliani informed that she spoke with the Mayor of Bloomsbury regarding this request and informed that the Township will need to gather more data regarding shared services. She informed that she is working on this along with the Police Chief.

**Welcome Sign Committee**

Mayor Marchetta informed that they would be presenting to the Township Committee the designs of the signs. The cost for this project is not going to cost the Township any money.

**Community Day**

Mayor Marchetta informed that Community Day is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>. New this year will be a laser show to be held at the Greenwich Township Elementary School at 7:30pm.

Deputy Mayor Blaszk

**Planning Board Update**

Committeeman Blaszk informed that in the agenda packet is a memo from Planner David Banish with suggestions regarding updating the Master Plan. He stated that after the Planning Board reviews it, the Township Committee would be adopting the ordinances updating the master plan.

**FIRST READING  
ORDINANCE 2004-12**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY  
APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO NJSA: 40a:4-53 IN CONNECTION WITH  
THE COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN**

Committeeman Blaszk made a motion, seconded by Mayor Marchetta to approve for first reading Ordinance 2004-12

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

**FIRST READING  
ORDINANCE 2004-13**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XVII OF THE LAND USE  
APPLICATION, REVIEW AND INSPECTIONS FEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
GREENWICH.**

Mayor Marchetta made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Emiliani to approve for first reading Ordinance 2004-13

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Open Space Update**

Committeeman Blaszk showed via a map to the Township Committee that status of land preservation projects within the Township.

**Capital Projects Township Committee Meeting**

Committeeman Blaszka informed that the next scheduled capital projects meeting will be on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Committeewoman Emiliani**

**Fire Department / Fire Prevention Bureau**

Resignation of Karl McAleer as Fire Inspector

Mayor Marchetta made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszka to accept the resignation of Karl McAleer with regrets.

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Appointment of Phil Carlton as Fire Inspector

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszka to appoint Phil Carlton as Fire Inspector

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Emergency Squad**

Committeewoman Emiliani informed that the Emergency Squad would be holding a tricky tray fundraiser on October 8, 2004.

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszka to approve the raffles license for the Emergency Squad for the tricky tray fundraiser.

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Office of Emergency Management**

Committeewoman Emiliani informed that the Emergency Management Coordinator would be submitting a Homeland Security grant to include the Police/Fire/Squad for additional equipment.

### **Board of Adjustment Update**

Committeewoman Emiliani informed that presently ongoing is the application for Family Entertainment Center located near NAPA. She stated that this application has been held over to the September meeting.

### **Committeeman Visconti**

#### **Ad-Hoc Recreation**

Committeeman Visconti informed that the Recreation Ad-Hoc Committee is presently working on the final cost recommendation to be presented to the Township Committee.

#### **Recreation Commission Update**

Suggested modifications to the Stecker Field Snack Stand

Committeeman Visconti informed that the Recreation Commission is presently working on plans to expand the amount of grill space. At this time, he doesn't have the costs of this project expense. He stated that he would inform the Committee of the costs once he receives them.

#### **Environmental Commission Update**

Committeeman Visconti informed that there is nothing to report at this time.

### **TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

#### **1. STRYKER'S ROAD**

- As previously reported to the Township Committee, Engineer Finelli has spoken with Daksha Shah and Joe Jagniatkowski of NJDOT Region 1. The NJDOT has requested that the Township forward a formal request to their office regarding a reallocation of the grant monies towards a more conventional reconstruction project of the existing Stryker's Road. He has previously discussed this matter with Dave Hicks and Dave has been very helpful in making suggestions towards the "best" approach towards securing the NJDOT's approval for the reallocation of these funds. He is in the process of coordinating a meeting with James Harding (the recently appointed interim NJDOT Region 1 Manager) to discuss the Stryker's Road project in more detail.
- It has come to his attention that the second round of grant monies, which have been awarded to the Township for the Stryker's Road project requires an extension from the NJDOT. He recommended that the Township Committee pass a Resolution for an extension request similar to what has been done previously with the first round of grant monies.

Mayor Marchetta made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszk a to approve Resolution 2004-60 extending the 2002 grant monies for Stryker's Road.

Voting in favor: Blaszk a, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

- The Township Committee should be aware that the total grant award (three separate grants) for the Stryker's Road project totals \$478,000.00.
- The Township has received an extension from the NJDOT to their existing grant until February 27, 2005.

2. PERFORMANCE BOND RELEASE RECOMMENDATION

- Greenwich Chase, Phase 7 – Resolution 2004-58 -- TABLE
- Greenwich Hills North – Resolution 2004-59

Committeeman Blaszk a made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-59, seconded by Mayor Marchetta.

Voting in favor: Blaszk a, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. GREENFIELDS @ GREENWICH, SECTION III

- As of the July 15, 2004 Committee Meeting, it was his understanding that a few minor maintenance bond release punch list items remained outstanding. He performed an inspection of the development on July 16, 2004 at which time all previously outstanding items had been satisfactorily addressed.

4. HAMLEN PROPERTY

- As previously requested, his office prepared a plan, which depicted various out parcel options (7, 10, 15 and 20 Ac.) for a municipally owned portion of the overall 114 Ac. tracts. This plan has been reviewed and discussed at previous Township Committee Meetings. The Township Committee must still render a decision on how large of an out parcel they may wish to extract from the overall tract. Attorney Jost will need to advise the Committee on the timing for making this decision.

- GREENWICH STREET BIKE PATH

- The Township Committee awarded the contract for this project to Pave-King, Inc. at their July 15, 2004 meeting. He has been coordinating with the contractor towards the contract administration of the project and in an effort to expedite the start of construction.
- The Township has received an extension from the NJDOT to their existing grant until February 14, 2005.

Committeeman Blaszkka made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Pave-King.

Voting in favor: Blaszkka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. SOUTH MAIN STREET SIDEWALK EXTENSION PROJECT (2003 NJDOT GRANT)

- The Township has received an extension from the NJDOT to their existing grant until February 14, 2005.
- This project has been “shelved” for 2004 based upon municipal budgetary constraints. Please be advised that, per a conversation with NJDOT representatives, the NJDOT may not grant the Township any additional extensions beyond the most recent extension referenced above. Therefore, the Township may need to consider authorizing the design phase of this project to commence at some time later this year to allow for potential award prior to the current grant deadline of February 14, 2005.

6. NEW JERSEY STATE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

- The regulations have been adopted and were effective as of February 2, 2004. The Township had previously received their Municipal Storm water Regulation Program Requirements package from the NJDEP. His office, on behalf of the Township, forwarded the completed Request for Authorization (RFA) form and Grant Application to the NJDEP on March 2, 2004. He has received our approved storm water general permit from the NJDEP. The Township’s permit # is NJPDES: NJG0153842/PI ID#: 198015. Effective Date of Permit Authorization (EDPA) is April 1, 2004. The Township is now “on the clock” relative to compliance with the new regulations. The first step will be to adopt Storm water Management Plan within one (1) year of the effective date of the Township’s permit from the State or April 1, 2005.

- Greenwich Township has been designated as a Tier A municipality which requires some additional and expedited responsibilities versus Tier B municipalities. It is his understanding that the Township has budgeted some monies for 2004 within the general municipal engineering line item in order to facilitate the initial stages of compliance with these regulations. The Township Committee will need to authorize his office to commence work on this project within the next few months in order to insure compliance with the regulations and the April 1, 2005 deadline.

Committeeman Blaszk a made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to authorize Engineer Finelli to start preparing the Storm water plan.

Voting in favor: Blaszk a, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
 Opposed: None  
 Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

7. WASHINGTON STREET WEIGHT LIMIT RESTRICTION

- Engineer Finelli reported that the Warren County Engineer’s Office has completed the traffic count study and the report was provided to the Township Committee at the June 14, 2004 Committee Meeting. The Township Committee previously authorized his office to proceed with a request for the NJDOT to approve a weight limit restriction on Washington Street. He advised that the NJDOT would need to confirm that a “viable” alternate route exists prior to them considering any weight limit restriction. He informed that he has nearly completed his analysis and will be forwarding the final report to the NJDOT shortly.

8. REGISTRATION OF TOWNSHIP SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN

- The Township Committee previously authorized the agreement to be signed with Aqua New Jersey, Inc. for the sanitary sewer force main underground utility mark-out in conjunction with Aqua New Jersey, Inc.’s February 4, 2004 proposal. George Baldwin and Engineer Finelli have met with Jon Hartzell of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. to review the items and supporting plans and documentation required by Aqua New Jersey, Inc. in connection with the execution of their contract. His office recently forwarded a number of as-built plans to Jon Hartzell for his records and supporting information in conjunction with their contract. His office will continue to coordinate this matter with Aqua New Jersey, Inc.

9. TOLL BROTHERS BOND/ESCROW ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

- On May 13, 2004, Engineer Finelli met with Greg Della Pia to begin the process of attempting to reconcile the Township’s various Toll Brothers accounts. The process may prove to be very difficult and time consuming. Greg Della Pia is going to research some additional records and potentially meet with the Township’s auditor to discuss this matter in more detail. He recommended that the Committee speak

directly to Greg Della Pia with any specific questions regarding either the status or timeline relative to the completion of this task.

#### 10. RAYNA PROPERTY: BOUNDARY SURVEY

- His office has completed the boundary survey and monumentation associated with this project. The final surveys were forwarded to all interested and involved parties on July 27, 2004.

#### 11. GREENWICH HILLS, SECTIONS II & III: MAINTENANCE BOND RELEASE INSPECTION

- The Township Committee previously authorized his office to proceed with the maintenance bond punch list inspections for both Sections II and III of the Greenwich Hills project. The Committee should be advised that the maintenance bonds are set to expire for Greenwich Hills, Section II (September, 2004) and Greenwich Hills, Section III (November, 2004), respectively.
- His office previously forwarded the final maintenance bond release punch list letters to Mr. Weinstein and his bonding company via correspondence dated July 27, 2004. He will continue to coordinate with Mr. Weinstein relative to the completion of all outstanding improvements.

#### 12. 2005 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID TRUST FUND APPLICATIONS

- His office previously forwarded the following two (2) applications to the NJDOT in conjunction with this program.
  - Greenwich Street Bike Path, Phase II: \$108,000
  - Dumont Road Sidewalk Extension: \$65,000

Typically, each municipality will be notified by the NJDOT during October or November regarding any grant award, which they may receive.

#### 13. D'ANGELO PROPERTY: BOUNDARY SURVEY COST PROPOSAL

- His office has been requested to provide a proposal for a boundary survey and monumentation associated with the D'Angelo properties on New Village Road. He is in the process of developing that proposal. The work being requested is identical to what we most recently completed in conjunction with the Rayna development easement survey.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Committeeman Blaszk made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to open the public comment period

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Bob Santini / Sam Santini owners of the property along Greenwich Street. Questioned the Committee why nobody notified him about the Bike Path project. Engineer Finelli stated that out of courtesy the Township should have notified them. Engineer Finelli stated that this project is along the County right of way next to their property. Mr. Santini stated that this project should be on the other side of the road. He stated that he considerable amount of concerns regarding having the bike path going along his property. He stated that they use a great amount of farming equipment in the fields and he is concerned about the safety of the people utilizing the bike path. He is concerned about the liability issues if someone gets hurt. He stated once again that the bike path should be on the other side of the road to coordinate with the proposed recreation fields. He stated that farming and bike paths don't mix.

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszk to close the public comment period.

Voting in favor: Blaszk, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

### **MOTION CARRIED**

## **❖ SCHOOL BOARD JOINT MEETING WITH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **Crossing Signal at Greenwich Street and Wyndham Farm Blvd.**

Mayor Marchetta stated that the Township initially planned on putting in a caution signal on Greenwich Street. The township put this expense into their budget. Engineer Finelli stated that the design consists of a school crossing sign with a flashing yellow beacon as well as a radar, similar to the radar trailer. Warren County has also informed that it would be very difficult to warrant a crossing signal. The final approval would have to come from the NJDOT and the County Engineers indicated that it would not warrant a full-blown traffic signal similar to the one in the intersection of town. The previous Police Chief stated that putting in a traffic signal would give false impression of security and may cause more of a problem and it would also require putting in an additional police officer for crossing safety. Current Police Chief Guzzo stated that he would have to investigate further the proposed plans to make any type of comment. He stated that regarding having a police officer at this site, the Township does not have the manpower

to provide this service at this time. The Board stated that they are going to go with whatever recommendation that the Township provides. Dr. Brennan stated that ever since Greenwich School opened they informed the parents to no allow the children to cross Greenwich Street. Presently the children that are walking to school are on the Greenwich Street side of the school with crossing guards at two locations to assist the children. Chief Guzzo stated that without researching this issue, if a sign is erected on Greenwich Street, it will give the impression that crossing over is encouraged and if presently there are 10 children who are crossing over to get to school it could double with having a sign in place. Further research from the Township will have to take place with consideration of the future recreation fields being constructed, the children are going to be crossing over the roadway whether it is going to school or utilizing the recreation fields on the Hamlen property or recreation fields back at the school.

### **Status Report of School Facilities and Projected Student Enrollment Growth**

Dr. Kevin Brennan informed that with all the growth that has occurred within the school district over the years, the Board of Education has regularly contracted with a demographer to keep a running assessment as to where the Township is going with future enrollment. An assessment was conducted last fall and at that point the demographics suggested that we were starting to see what was anticipated. It showed a slowing down of the growth of the schools. On a study of five years we are looking at an average from 1% to 3% increases annually. We are at about 2% going into the next school year. The Greenwich School houses Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This school is being fully utilized. The Stewartville Middle School houses 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He stated that if the growth patterns continue at 1-3% we should be seeing a gradual movement of the smaller classes to the upper grades. The average class size is 21 students per class. He stated that expansion of either facilities is not on the table right now, however they are concentrating on improvements to the existing facilities.

### **Shared Services**

Currently – How it is going  
Future

School Board President Bill Kanyuck stated that the Shared Services between the Township and the Board of Education is doing well. He stated that the lawns on the school property look great and the snow is getting plowed. He stated that this service is saving the township residents a lot of money in extra expense. Board Secretary Annette Edmonds stated that for lawn mowing in comparison to what was paid out previously there is a savings of \$10,000 and for snow plowing \$30,000.

### **School Funding**

Impact of S1701  
Schedule Tax Payments to School District  
Reclassification of the District Factor Group

School Board President Bill Kanyuck informed that the School Board has been faced with a tremendous challenge because of new legislation that the Governor just signed and the Legislator passed that is going to really cause a lot of hardship within the school district. First item is that the Board returned over \$300,000 back to the taxpayers in July, on top of the \$880,000 that we took the surplus out of last years budget and put into this years budget. So this year we had about \$1.1 million in surplus as being used to offset the taxes. There is going to be a cap limit of 2.5% on growth of school budgets for next year. The waiver option is not going to be allowed. So if there is a tremendous growth in enrollment with additional expenses the district will not be allowed to go out of the cap limit.

### **Schedule Tax Payments to School District**

There was an issue regarding monthly school payments being received late in the month. The Township Clerk informed that she has set up a schedule to allow the Township Committee to approve the payment of the monthly bill one month ahead of time. Example: The August school payment will be approved at the July Township Committee meeting, giving ample time after the meeting to have the check processed and mailed out in time for the August 1<sup>st</sup> payment date.

### **Reclassification of the District Factor Group**

Dr. Kevin Brennan informed that the District Factor Group (DFG) is a system that is used by the State. He stated that the Township has been reclassified from its previous classification of “G” to an “I” District. The higher the alphabet you go the wealthier you are perceived to be. The State does not fund wealthy districts, we currently are receiving about 40% in State funding, the closes district in this region in comparison of “I” district is receiving 28%. He stated that he spoke with the Commissioner in Trenton and has been assured not to worry about the classification funding issue. He stated that the when the State says not to worry is when you should start to worry. We will have to reduce the budget to stay in cap limits, the reduction of state funding is going to effect us in two ways. 1. Somewhere along the lines programs are going to be effected, a reduction in programs, or an increase in class sizes. 2. An increase in local property tax, regarding the school portion of the local taxes. Board President Kanyuck stated that presently the Board receives approximately 6 million dollars at 40% funding. If we are knocked down to 20% funding, we will lose about 3 million dollars. \$3 million on a \$300,000 home is roughly a \$2,000 increase in taxes. The Committee requested that the Board notify the Township as soon as they are notified from the State what the percentage funding is going to be for the Township.

### **Courtesy Busing**

Board President Kanyuck informed that in early fall will make a decision as to whether or not to eliminate courtesy busing. Under the constraints of this new cap limit and the fact that we cannot put this issue out to referendum to allow the voters to decide, this Board

will have to make a decision. We have to decide to offer courtesy busing or do we increase class size and eliminate the programs. There is no way presently of maintaining what we have now on a 2.5% cap limit. The residents have to understand that the Boards responsibility is to provide a through and efficient education, it is not our responsibility, although we have in the past provided courtesy busing. Mayor Marchetta suggested that a joint subcommittee is formed to discuss this issue and the impacts.

### **Future Development**

Residential and Commercial Development

Highlands Legislation

Mayor Marchetta informed that at the last Planning Board meeting an application for 550 homes was denied. Currently our zoning only allows another 315 residential units. He stated that if the Township sticks with our current zoning and no court judges over rules the township, then the total build out would only allow the remaining 315 residential units in the township. He stated that the Planning Board is committed to sticking with our current zoning. As for proposed residential: South Main Street 27 single-family homes, Brian Estates 24 single-family homes. Commercial Development: Greenwich Commons Office Building on corner of Route 22 and Greenwich Street, 9 units of self storage on Route 57, Auto Spa Car Wash on Route 22, Behind Lowes store: Pier One, Pet Smart, Barnes Bookstore and three other unnamed stores.

### **Highlands Legislation**

Mayor Marchetta informed that the Township put together a subcommittee to research the highlands issue. Greenwich Township exists in the Highlands region. No more than 10% of the Township is in the Preservation Area. 90% is in the Planning Area. He stated that we are going to be under extreme pressure to build in the planning area. We are doing all that we can to protect ourselves from this, we have a Highlands Task Force, we reviewed the legislation, we are making recommended changes to our sewer service areas, we are approaching the State to get into the Preservation Area. At this time, the State hasn't created a Highlands Committee. The Township is also at this time reviewing the current Master Plan.

### **Capital Projects / Bonding**

Mayor Marchetta informed that the Township Committee has been reviewing capital projects for the Township. At this time, the only approved project is the construction of a new firehouse. There are four other major projects under consideration: Recreation Fields, Renovation of the existing municipal building, open space, renovation of Old School and possible use as a municipal building. There will be future meeting to discuss capital projects for the township. He stated that the Township would be looking into doing significant bonding in the township. He stated that there is concern among the

Committee of the tax impact of these projects and now hearing of the tax impact of the reclassification there is serious issues to address.

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to take a five- minute recess.

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to come back from recess and reopen the meeting

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Greenwich, County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter-specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed as follows: Contract negotiations, Pending Litigation, Land Acquisition and Personnel
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public at: When a decision has been rendered.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to adopt the foregoing Resolution and enter into Executive Session.

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None

Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committeewoman Emiliani made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Blaszk a to come out of Executive Session and reopen the meeting to the public.

Voting in favor: Blaszk a, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Marchetta made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to hire an appraiser relative to Hoser and Smith property

Voting in favor: Blaszk a, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Marchetta made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to hire Eric Brown as new police officer effective September 6, 2004.

Voting in favor: Blaszk a, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committeeman Blaszk a made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti authorizing Mayor Marchetta to sign D'Angelo contract

Voting in favor: Blaszk a, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committeeman Blaszk a made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti to authorize the survey of the D'Angelo property

Voting in favor: Blaszk a, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta

Opposed: None

Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committeeman Blaszk a made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti authorizing the Environmental assessment of the D'Angelo property

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti authorizing Morris Land Conservancy to do “due diligence” regarding Green Acres project at a cost not to exceed \$1,000

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committeeman Blaszka made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Visconti authorizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> appraisal to be done regarding D’Angelo property.

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

As there was no further action, Mayor Marchetta made a motion, seconded by Committeewoman Emiliani to adjourn the meeting.

Voting in favor: Blaszka, Visconti, Emiliani, Marchetta  
Opposed: None  
Absent: Pasquarelli

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Kimberly Viscomi, RMC  
Township Clerk

