

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Deputy Mayor James, seconded by Committeeman Lewis the above Resolution was approved:

Roll Call: Lewis, James, Gadd

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

REPORTS

- a) **Engineer** – Met with County on the traffic issues and the County will get back to us, we will have to ask for more traffic studies.
- b) **Solicitor** – Nothing to add.
- c) **Township Clerk** – Day to Day operations of the Office; I would like to thank Nick from the Pine Barrens Tribune for his help with the microphones tonight.
- d) **Code Enforcement** – Day to Day operations
- e) **OEM** – Working on the EOP for the County
- f) **Township Committee** –

Committeeman Lewis – Public Works – 2 days of plowing & salting roads; a few days of high winds & checking of roads; couple of trips to CAMCO for salt auger repair; put new battery in John Deere Loader; went to John Deere in Hammonton & washed truck; picked up roadside trash. Bob (Henchy) please see me before you leave tonight.

Deputy Mayor James – The Green Bank Bridge will be closing again on March 18-22, 2024. Had a meeting with the County and addressed the speeding on the various roads and flood warning signs; also called in street lights that are out.

Mayor Gadd – Met with the County Highway Department & Engineer. Barbara Cavileer, the issue on the curve and sign are in compliance, they will contact the campground to see if they will take down/trim the trees. The flashers are being looked at; DCA has inspected the Green Bank Tavern and posted signs, which were torn down.

David Simpson -= New one is on front door.

Mayor Gadd – The lease is done on the Senior Center and I'm working on that. There was a complaint again on Turtle Creek Road which will be address as soon as the weather is better.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Please state your name & address for the record)

Mayor Gadd opened the meeting for Public Comments.

David Simpson – River Road, Lower Bank – If we had given the School Board the money, would we be in this situation?

Solicitor Coleman – Was there a formal request?

David Simpson – I don't know.

Solicitor Coleman – If they had asked, the Committee would have addressed it.

Deputy Mayor James – They told us 5 different amounts and they wouldn't justify the amounts, but nothing in writing. We don't waste money, any money we receive to run the Township is in lieu of taxes from the State.

Solicitor Coleman – Have you seen the correspondence from the State to the School?

Mayor Gadd – The School Board didn't put anything in writing and last year they asked for \$50,000, which we gave them, but they didn't ask for anymore.

David Simpson – We should be more pro-active.

Deputy Mayor James – We have no control over the School Board.

David Simpson – Why are we waiving the fee for Stockton?

Deputy Mayor James – They are educational.

Kathy Walker, Route 542 – The Boards need to work together, we are not going to get out of this mess.

Mayor Gadd – We are willing to work with the School Board. We are working legally to use the Township surplus now.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Deputy Mayor James, seconded by Committeeman Lewis to adjourn at 7:34 PM.

Roll Call: Lewis, James, Gadd Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Bacon, Deputy Township Clerk