

TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
REGULAR MEETING
February 15, 2023
6:00 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Gardner led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, announced that notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and followed with roll call.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Elisabeth McCartney
Josh Ward
Dan Dewey (teleconference)
Paul Detrick (teleconference)
Donovan Gardner

ABSENT

Also, present: Mayor Jack K. Tompkins, Business Administrator Daniel Hornickel, Solicitor Andrew Bayer and Township Clerk Amy P. Cosnoski.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Gardner called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Alchemy Botanics, Class 5 Retail Cannabis License

Greg D'Agastino from Tenax Strategies, advised that he was here on behalf of the owners of Alchemy Botanics who are seeking support from Council for a retail cannabis store. Introduced Aaron Marks, majority owner of Alchemy Botanics. Mr. Marks provided a brief biography of his work history. Stated that he owns 95% of the company and that his partner is Nate Barney who own 5%. Mr. Marks provided an overview and noted they felt that this would be a successful operation that will ultimately benefit Pemberton Township. Mr. D'Agastino went over the map and of the possible location at 6 Fort Dix Road and noted that there were no prohibited facilities within 1,000 feet of the proposed site. Went over the property and floor plan of the building as well as the flow of operations. Council President Gardner asked various questions including the number of security guards, delivery to customers, tracking sales, cannabis waste and product weighing upon delivery. Councilwoman McCartney asked about entrance and exit security and tracking of purchases. Councilman Ward questioned why they chose Pemberton Township. Mr. D'Agastino advised on all questions. It was noted that there would be no alcohol on site. Discussed educational benefits and opportunities within the industry. Mr. D'Agastino noted that there would be a 24/7/365 monitored security system. Advised that the security guard could be armed, but they would defer to the Police Department to see what they felt was necessary. Added that Police assistance would be sought in regard to setting up security and the facility itself. Explained the process for security during power outages. Mr. D'Agastino noted that 50% of the jobs would be filled by Pemberton Township residents and that they would work to place the right employees. Mr. Marks advised that his interest in Pemberton was due to it being very close to where he lives and that he felt it was ideal because we are trying to establish a relationship and so far Pemberton has been very welcoming. Stated that they wanted to try and have a positive impact to the community at large and knows that Pemberton has struggled with warehouses and mom and pop stores. Stated his intention was to own and operate this business as a benefit to him and to the community. Councilman Ward noted the recent election and stated that he, Councilman Dewey and the Mayor are open for business, but not this type of federally illegal business. Noted his issue is not with the casual adult use of marijuana. Noted concerns he has received from some of his constituents. Mayor Tompkins commented that he does not support cannabis as a personal viewpoint and asked that if this is approved, putting notification that this is illegal for military use. It was suggested they reach out to the Christian Caring Center as one of the local organizations they could help. Council questioned transport and storage of cannabis and security of the roof and walls and ADA compliance. Mr. D'Agastino noted it would be stored overnight and advised on the security. Mr. Marks added that the CRC also plays a huge role in securing the facilities as well. Councilman Dewey also questioned why Pemberton Township and how long this has been being worked on with the town. It was noted that he had started the process during the early part of the 4th quarter of last year. Councilman Dewey stated that he does feel we need business in Pemberton Township, but he cannot support this business. Council President Gardner added that when he saw the State was approving this type of business, he felt that whether it is in Pemberton or not, the residents that want it are going to

go out and get it. Councilman Detrick stated he heard the presentation and feels that they are presenting a legal business in the Township with the potential to generate a lot of tax dollars for us. Noted that if you drive past these facilities they tend to be one of the better looking businesses. Stated he really does not have concerns, but hopes that it is safe, secure and successful. Council President Gardner asked Mr. Hornickel how he felt this would negatively or positively affect the Township resources. Mr. Hornickel advised that if they did what they were supposed to and follow the laws, he felt it would have a cash flow positive impact for the Township. Noted a facility in Bordentown that is very well run and with minimal problems. Council President Gardner asked about the occupancy limits. Mr. D'Agastino advised this would be a part of the final rendering. Noted the vetting process and the County level requirements they would have to meet. Council President Gardner noted that he is in favor of this, but since it is a first, we want to get it right and that is why he asked so many questions. Mr. Bayer advised that opting in to allow cannabis businesses originally allowed us to have more control over the amount of licenses and the types. Council President Gardner asked for all those that are against cannabis to look up why it was made illegal in the first place and he noted the name Harry J. Anslinger and racism. Mr. D'Agastino provided final comments and noted their appreciation of allowing them to speak. Stated he thinks they have a very good plan to leave a positive impact on this community including the generation of revenue.

CLOSED SESSION

78-2023 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session – Not Adopted

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Gardner opened this portion of the meeting for public comments.

Laura Borshall, Browns Mills – 1. Stated she wanted to talk about the trash problem at Pemberton Lake. Stated since September she has been going a couple times a month and hauling out trash and has hauled over 200 pounds. Advised that the problem there is that half is owned and managed by the Township and the other by NJ Fish and Wildlife. Commented that the Township maintains their portion but the State does not as they follow a carry in carry out policy. Advised she has spoken to them but they refuse to do anything because of their policy. Noted the wildlife that is out there includes bald eagles. Council President Gardner asked her to email the pictures to the Township Clerk and asked Mr. Hornickel what could be done. Mr. Hornickel noted what had been discussed and they will take a look at putting some cans out there. Mr. Hornickel noted how much more the State was going to take advantage of us. Stated he will see what we can do, but it angers him that we have to bear the burden of this while the State does nothing.

Rita Yelda, Browns Mills – 1. Talked about the wildlife and noted the large active community. Commented on a study that showed that trash cans and signs do help. Stated that this is a very large, popular area, with regular visitors and only two trash cans. Council President Gardner commented on the wildlife and asked about Pinelands getting involved. Mr. Hornickel noted that the Pinelands Commission is purely regulatory. Stated he would reach out to the site Superintendent and the Assistant Commissioner at Fish and Wildlife and try to loop in the Assistant Commissioner over Parks and Forestry. Council President Gardner added that we cannot put signs out there without the State's permission.

Leonard Austin, Browns Mills – 1. Stated he was here about the cannabis store and thinks it is a bad idea. Stated we already have problems out here. Noted he goes to Bordentown to get his medical marijuana and does not have a problem doing that. Fears that people will be getting robbed after making their purchases.

Michael Harris, Browns Mills – 1. Stated he does not like the idea of bringing drugs into the township. Stated the company did not address fencing and if the parking lot was paved. Commented on other expenses that the company did not consider. Commented on correct measuring of the barriers and felt this was poorly thought out. Stated they should look at all of the little things that should be addressed before going before the Planning Board. Stated he does not approve of what some people in this township think is good for this township when it is not. Mr. D'Agastino noted that they did work with the Zoning Board to ensure they were in compliance with the Zoning ordinance. Stated that the parking lot is currently crushed stone and whether it was paved and striped would be dependent on what the Planning Board, Pinelands Commission and County thought of that. Stated that they will move to review these items at the appropriate time which is not right now. Added that there is still a significant process ahead of them.

America Phillips, Browns Mills – 1. Noted that she has lived here since 1979 and her children have grown up here. Asked Alchemy Botanics who approached them to bring this to the

Township. Commented on Ordinance 29-2021 and noted that two Council members voted no on that ordinance. It was noted that the Solicitor drafted the ordinance. Yelled at Council President Gardner and Councilwoman McCartney for voting yes to this ordinance. Commented on going on her walk and looking for drug free zone signs. Stated she also went to where this building is planning to be placed. Mr. D'Agastino stated that no one from the town ever reached out to them, they reached out to Pemberton Township and were not solicited in any way and the staff was only responsive to their questions. Mayor Tompkins noted that it does not matter what you think about this, what we want from our Township employees is to be kind and courteous to everyone that comes into the township and if they are not, we will find employees that are.

Gary Kelly, Browns Mills – 1. Questioned how many other townships were contacted in the area and it was noted that none others were. Questioned if anyone had reached out to the military commander to make them aware that there may be a store like this in the neighborhood. Questioned if we have reached out to other communities to ask about their crime rates, or states like Colorado that have been doing this for a long time to discuss this. Questioned where the studies are about what people do when they start using this. Asked what this will cost in policing once the crime rate goes up. Stated he does not like the idea of this and thinks we are going backwards. Council President Gardner stated that the shortage of Police Officers in the town is not due to budget it is due to recruitment. Mayor Tompkins advised that we have 45 officers with the ability to have 57. Noted at about \$100,000 an officer that is roughly \$1.2 million dollars. Mayor Tompkins noted if Council approves the needed amount to get more officers they will recruit them. Council President Gardner stated that the Mayor presents the budget.

Anne Quinn, Browns Mills – 1. Noted she researched Colorado this past weekend and provided some statistics on what has occurred in Colorado since the legalization of cannabis there. Stated they have had an increase in crime, DUI accidents, fatal accidents and an increase in kids age 12 and up who have been smoking marijuana. Stated that she takes exception that Council President Gardner has already made up his mind regardless of what the people say. Noted she has a daughter and 4-year old granddaughter and they pay his salary. Stated she does not want anything to do with marijuana in this town. Stated that we do need retail in here. Commented that marijuana is a gateway drug and advised on a personal story of her family. Questioned the number of licenses and the locations that will be allowed in town. Council President Gardner asked Mr. Hornickel to advise on the licenses question. Mr. Hornickel advised that there are a maximum of two licenses per class and the ordinance establishes where they can be based on class and further explained. Council President Gardner reminded that they opted in to have more control over this. Asked Mr. Hornickel to explain. Mr. Hornickel noted that we opted in in 2021 to have control over where and how many licenses and how they would be situated in terms of the standards. Explained in further detail and noted that if we did not opt in and pass an ordinance, governing those particular conditions, then it would be subject to just the general zoning requirements which are not as stringent and are just for retail businesses.

Valerie Roohr, Browns Mills – 1. Stated she also believes that this is a gateway drug. Noted she used to work in a coffee house with many AA and NA customers and that not one of them started with cocaine, they always started with marijuana. Stated she has had very negative feelings about drugs. Noted her boyfriend who died of a drug overdose in front of her. Advised she had read the article Council President Gardner suggested about racism and marijuana. Stated that the result was neither here nor there as that involved cocaine. Noted her concerns of the location being close to the school. Commented that if Council is so comfortable with passing this then allow the place to be located in the building. Stated that she cannot wrap her mind around why they are okay with this.

Robert King, Pemberton – 1. Commented on them taking an oath to enforce the laws of the Township. Stated that at the last meeting they took it upon themselves to try and enact a resolution to enforce their will on the township with regard to the Solicitor. **2.** Commented that marijuana is a gateway drug and that it does not matter why it is illegal, it is illegal. Stated he does not think it is right for States to try and override the Federal government. Stated that as the representatives of the town they should be representing the wants and needs of the town's people. Commented that if they disappoint them long enough, they will vote them out.

Tamara Kelly, Browns Mills – 1. Stated that everyone has their own reasons for not wanting it here. Noted that there are also professionals that do want it here. Asked that they please do not let this happen as she is concerned about security.

Michelle Forman, Browns Mills – 1. Commented to Councilwoman McCartney that she thinks she is such a beautiful person and she does so much for Deborah. Commented that her daughter loves Council President Gardner and he is a good man. Stated that Councilman Detrick is also a good man. Stated she does not always like the way the three of them vote and that is no secret. Stated that she is sad to say that it does not matter what they say, because if they want it they are going to vote yes to it anyway and disappoint them. Noted she is concerned that they are going to vote yes. Advised Council that these people are begging them to vote no. Asked about the warehouse that is going to be built to grow all of this. Questioned how much it is going to cost for an ounce of marijuana. Asked the owners if they smoke this stuff. Commented on the health hazards of smoking this stuff. Mr. D’Agastino noted that the current retail price in New Jersey is \$450 per ounce.

Karen Mulligan, Pemberton Borough – 1. Noted that this facility will be closer to her home than anyone in the township. Commented on the traffic issues that they feel this will bring as they already have a problem without it. Stated she feels the Borough will suffer more and not get any benefits. Commented that she does not think this is a good idea. Mayor Tompkins noted that both roads are County roads, and they will have the engineer reach out to the County. Stated that just because something is made legal, does not mean it is moral.

Valerie Roohr, Browns Mills – 1. Commented that this is a multi-million dollar business and whatever they are getting paid to take this on it is not worth it. Stated that just because it is okay does not make it right.

Gary Kelly, Browns Mills – 1. Asked if they had reached out to any other towns that refused. Councilman Ward answered which towns are and are not allowing cannabis.

Anne Quinn, Browns Mills – 1. Commented on working very hard for what she has and pays a lot in taxes. Stated she feels the elected officials need to do their homework not while residents are sitting here. Commented that it is their job to be prepared. Asked all to do what is right and not do it.

Michelle Forman, Browns Mills – 1. Asked the company to donate oxygen machines to Deborah for people to use when they can no longer breathe from smoking marijuana.

America Phillips, Browns Mills – 1. Commented on being a State worker and firefighter and drove these roads taking injured people to the hospital. Commented that we have enough problems in this town. Asked all to concentrate on what we can do to make things better.

Seeing no other residents wishing to be heard, this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

At this time Council called for a 5 minute recess at 9:01 pm. Council reconvened at 9:08 pm.

Consent Agenda: All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the Township Council and will be enacted by one motion. Should a Council Member wish to discuss a consent agenda item separately, that item can be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

Councilman Detrick asked to pull Resolutions 80-2023 and 82-2023.

***CONSENT AGENDA**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2023.

***CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

79-2023 Authorizes various routine refunds in the amount of \$900.00.

80-2023 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*

81-2023 Authorizes the cancellation and refund of property taxes on property owned by a Qualifying Totally Disabled Veteran.

82-2023 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS

*a. Yearly Renewals

1. Hilltop Mobile Village, Mobile Home Park

b. Parade Permits (public hearing required)

1. Presidential Lakes Civic Association –Fourth of July Parade on New York Road on July 4, 2023 from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm.

Motion by Ward and McCartney to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Ward, yes; McCartney, yes; Dewey, yes; Detrick, yes; Gardner, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

80-2023 Authorizes a CY2023 Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Pemberton and the County of Burlington for the provision of meals to Seniors. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Detrick questioned how many days a week they served meals. Mr. Hornickel advised that this is for meals provided at the Senior Center five days a week and the volume changes based on the time of year. Noted that the County is providing it and we remit the \$2.00 donation that we collect and that is why there is no more specificity than what the County required.

Motion by Detrick and Ward to approve Resolution 80-2023. Detrick, yes; Ward, yes; McCartney, yes; Dewey, yes; Gardner, yes. Motion carried.

82-2023 Authorizes the refund of taxes paid by Wells Fargo on a Municipal Lien for Block 565, Lot 47. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Detrick questioned why we were giving the people this money. Mr. Hornickel advised that the tax lien had not been redeemed and once we sell it off, the property owner has to come in and pay their arrearages. Stated that the existing homeowner has to come in and cure the existing tax lien that the township holds before we can accept the subsequent payment.

Motion by Detrick and McCartney to approve Resolution 82-2023. Detrick, yes; McCartney, yes; Ward, yes; Dewey, yes; Gardner, yes. Motion carried.

83-2023 Authorizing a contract with Reagan Young England Butera Architects for Restoration of the Jones Farm Storage Barn.

Mr. Hornickel clarified that they reached out to the architect for a metal roof so they could eventually host solar out at that location and they advised that there would be no cost difference. Councilman Ward asked what the barn is still being used for. Mr. Hornickel advised that this was the MUA storage barn and we use it to store materials for the Sewer Division. Stated that the ultimate goal was to get the barn restored and make it a drive thru barn to store items such as piping. Councilman Ward asked if it would be a better idea to build some new structures out here for the Public Works Department. Mr. Hornickel noted that we do not have a lot of room in the back for piping. Councilman Dewey asked what the long term plan for the facility was. Mr. Hornickel stated that they still want to use the storage barn and use it more efficiently. Stated they have not discussed what to do with the farmhouse as of yet and noted that there are particular challenges. Councilman Dewey commented on if this being the right time to spend money on this. Mr. Hornickel noted that we currently have a pending insurance claim for the funds that would be needed to restore the barn and were not looking to borrow money to rehabilitate the barn. Advised that it had been damaged in a fire and this was to remediate the fire damage. Councilman Dewey asked if all would be done with this money. Mr. Hornickel stated that they believed they could get almost all of it done through the amount that they submitted.

Motion by Ward and Dewey to approve Resolution 83-2023. Ward, yes; Dewey, yes; Detrick, yes; McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes. Motion carried.

84-2023 Amends the 2023 Temporary Operating Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20.

Councilman Ward questioned if this had to do with the ordinance that was on the agenda. Mr. Hornickel advised that it was not and was for regular expenses. Stated we could only budget 26.25% for the first quarter but that does not necessarily cover all of the costs that we incur.

Motion by Ward and McCartney to approve Resolution 84-2023. Ward, yes; McCartney, yes; Dewey, yes; Detrick, yes; Gardner, yes. Motion carried.

85-2023 Consents to Mayoral appointment to the Zoning Board

Motion by Ward and Detrick to approve Resolution 85-2023. Ward, yes; Detrick, yes; Dewey, yes; McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes. Motion carried.

86-2023 Authorizes a contract with Adams, Rehmann & Heggan for Engineering Services for Streambank Repairs to the West End Park in an amount not to exceed \$71,210.00.

Council President Gardner asked Mr. Hornickel to provide an explanation. Mr. Hornickel advised that ARH had been working on this for some time. Councilman Ward asked if this would reopen the facility at this time. Mr. Hornickel stated that we are working on the park itself and that this would hopefully alleviate the erosion that is occurring. Councilman Dewey asked how much funding we were getting for this project. Mr. Hornickel advised that we were getting a grant for \$192,000 and we also have \$100,000 set aside. Stated we will not know for certain what it will cost because it has to go out to bid, but believe we have sufficient funds to get this corrected. Councilman Dewey asked if the \$71,000 bill was from ARH. Mr. Hornickel advised that it was and included submitting the various permitting applications to get this done.

Motion by Ward and McCartney to approve Resolution 86-2023. Ward, yes; McCartney, yes; Detrick, yes; Dewey, yes; Gardner, yes. Motion carried.

87-2023 Appointing a Township Solicitor and supplementing the Special Counsel Pool for CY2023. *Added at Meeting.*

Motion by McCartney and Ward to add Resolution 87-2023. McCartney, yes; Ward, yes; Dewey, yes; Detrick, yes; Gardner, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Detrick and McCartney to approve Resolution 87-2023. Detrick, yes; yes; McCartney, yes; Dewey, yes; Ward, yes; Gardner, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2023

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK. (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Council President Gardner opened this portion of the meeting for public comment. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Motion by Ward and Detrick to adopt Ordinance 4-2023. Ward, yes; Detrick, yes; Dewey, yes; McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-2023

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTIES LOCATED AT BLOCK 57, LOTS 15 & 127 FROM LEONARD O. RICE.

Council President Gardner opened this portion of the meeting for public comment.

America Phillips, Browns Mills – 1. Questioned where this was located at. It was noted that it would be off of Ward Street.

Seeing no other residents wishing to be heard, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Motion by Ward and Detrick to adopt Ordinance 6-2023. Ward, yes; Detrick, yes; Dewey, yes; McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

b. Parade Permits (public hearing required)

2. Presidential Lakes Civic Association –Fourth of July Parade on New York Road on July 4, 2023 from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm.

Council President Gardner opened this portion of the meeting to the public.

Robert King, Pemberton – 1. Asked if the Township was planning a parade as well. Council President Gardner advised they were not. Mayor Tompkins advised that years ago Presidential Lakes held this parade and they are trying to bring back the tradition.

America Phillips, Browns Mills – 1. Noted that the parade will start at the old Lake Store and go down New York Road to the Firehouse. Stated that they are asking the Fire Department and other organizations to join.

Seeing no other residents wishing to be heard, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Motion by Ward and McCartney to approve New Business item b1 for the Parade Permit. Ward, yes; McCartney, yes; Detrick, yes; Dewey, yes; Gardner, yes. Motion carried.

***BILL LIST**

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on Bill List dated 2/9/2023.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer reported: Stated he had nothing to report and thanked all for working through the legal issues and he looks forward to working with everyone this year.

MAYOR'S AND/OR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Jack K. Tompkins reported: Advised they have been working on the budget and it has been enlightening. Stated there have been a couple of surprises to be honest. Stated that if you go on the Fire Departments page on our website, you will find a recruitment event. Noted that our two newest recruits are from Presidential Lakes and that the first night of the event was held at Presidential Lakes and he was sad to see that no one showed up. Commented that we need to support our volunteers and volunteer ourselves, if we can. Noted that the next recruitment will be at the Browns Mills Firehouse on February 22nd. Stated he hopes more people show up. Stated that these volunteers take a lot out of their personal time to do what is an invaluable service in protecting us and our loved ones. Encouraged everyone to look into it.

Daniel Hornickel reported: Noted that West End Park continues to progress. Advised that the Police addition is done, inspections have been passed and we are going to move in. We will begin the spring hydrant flushing next week so a notice will be up on the website and reminded this is done annually. Commented that the DPW is down to its last area for leaf collection. Advised that the Sewer Division survey is completed for the campus of the Sewer Treatment Plant. Stated that just by way of reminder we are looking to construct a garage out there and an office/laboratory in the front. Noted that they will now try to construct everything in a single building which would be more cost effective and allow for the site work to all be done at once. Stated that he had the Township Engineer contact the NJDOT regarding both the Lakehurst Road and Spring Lake Boulevard intersections and they are just waiting to hear back. Stated they have also been out in Presidential Lakes checking out all of the intersections and the Police are now getting the traffic reports to send to the Engineers so that they can do their analysis. Mr. Hornickel used the smart board to show the newest layer on the digital township maps, available on the website, includes a layer for the Township liens. Council President Gardner asked if a step by step guide could be listed on the website so people know how to do this. Councilman Detrick questioned the leeway Council had with the lien amounts due and how much we could collect. Mr. Hornickel explained and noted that many of the lots are vacant.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman McCartney – Thanked Administration and Mrs. Cosnoski for posting current events on the website including the Yellow Ribbon event that will be held this Sunday at the BMIA from 12 pm to 4 pm. Advised that March 18th would be the next Clean Communities event, from 8 am to 12 pm and they would be meeting at the Presidential Lakes Firehouse. Thanked Mayor Jack Tompkins and the Superintendent of Schools, Jeff Havens, for coming to the BMIA on March 19th to give the residents some updates on things going on with the budget.

Councilman Ward – Thanked everyone for coming out. Stated it was a very informative discussion one way or the other. Stated it was good to see everyone out at the meeting and wished all a great Presidents Day weekend and a great February.

Councilman Dewey – Stated that he wished he was here. Thanked everyone for coming out and he hopes to see all on March 1st.

Councilman Detrick – Stated that he was sorry he could not be here in person as he had tested positive for COVID. Commented that he was pleased everyone came out and he appreciated all their comments. Stated he looks forward to seeing everyone in two weeks.

Council President Gardner – Commented that the Belly Buster yellow tape is still up and asked if there was any word on that. Commented that he knows that the budget is tight and recruitment is low for the Fire Department, asked if there was any way to give some type of stipend for the amount of fires that were reported to. Mr. Hornickel stated that it appears that we may get a new recruitment and retention grant and if we do we will be reinstating the duty crews with the on duty stipends. Mrs. Cosnoski advised of a program in place for students to attend the County College and get their tuition paid if they volunteered. Council President Gardner continued that this Friday was Pemberton's Got Talent at the high school and encouraged all to come out. Thanked all for coming out and asked all to have a good night and a good long weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk