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**NOVEMBER 3, 2011
WORK & REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

INVOCATION – Pastor Charlie Dieterich, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South Jersey

ROLL CALL

Present: Seher, Urban, Green, Vizthum, Gorman, Camp, Falivene

Also Present: Mayor Elco, Terry Dolan, Mike Blee, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone & Eddie Dennis

STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED – Jerry

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Urban

All were in favor.

Dennis Mahan - 712 Oaks Court – Northfield – spoke on behalf of the resolution that council will be discussing tonight dealing with the fair school funding.

Motion to close public portion – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Camp

All were in favor.

WORK MEETING

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED BELOW ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND MAY BE ACTED UPON AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL.

2011 RESOLUTIONS

175 Supporting fair school funding.

Chuck – this will be in support of the resolution dealing with fair school funding. NJ has the most unequal school funding formula in America. We only get .61 cents back from every dollar sent to the government. It's worse at the state level. He is surprised that no one has ever done anything about this before.

Jerry asked for a separate motion to pass this. It was made by Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Camp

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Green, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

Everyone thanked Chuck for his work and report on this resolution.

176 An Application for the Municipal Alliance Grant for 2012. **MOVED**

177 Recognizing November 13 through 19, 2011 as Veterans' Education Awareness Week.

Jim – explained how this came about and what it covers.

MOVED

Chuck – totally behind this resolution and is in favor of supporting anything for the veterans.

178 Authorizing the release of a Maintenance Guarantee posted by R.D. Absecon Associates, L.P. for Eckerd Pharmacy (Rite-Aid).

MOVED

179 Re-appointing the City Clerk for the City of Absecon

MOVED

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under item, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be discussed separately.

Resolutions #176 to 179 were included in the consent agenda.

Motion to approve – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Vizthum

Roll Call: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Green, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$ 329,535.33

Motion to approve - Councilman Urban – second – Councilwoman Gorman

Roll Call: Seher, yes; Urban, yes; Green, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Camp, yes; Falivene, yes

REPORTS

Mayor – explained Res. #176 allows the city to promote programs against drugs and other awareness programs. The City is thankful. He asked Chief Cowan to discuss some of the issues discussed at seminars he has attended recently.

Joe – 11/29 @ 6:30 here in Council Chambers an award ceremony will be held. All were invited. Spoke about his seminars and ideas and programs that he got from it. Hopes to purchase a software package for scheduling next year. It will save a lot of paperwork.

Chris – no report since no finance meeting was held.

Chuck – public works is cancelled due to elections. He gave an update on the road program.

Drainage work is complete on Cynwyd Ave. and Hickory St.

Fred – public safety is still interviewing for dispatchers. The 911 system should be up and running by the end of Nov. A new phone system is being looked into by the Chief and will bring us back a price soon. The new fire chief, Joe Smith is doing a good job.

Don – commended Officer Laura Winkel for her assistance with the Galloway police in a traffic stop, which turned into an arrest. Announced upcoming events in town.

Bobbie – asked everyone to go out vote on Nov. 8th.

Jim – the Economic Development is preparing a study of new businesses in town. NJ Ave. project is 75% completed; they are almost through the punch list. Atlantic Electric is working on the lights.

Terry – no report

Jerry – no report

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor.

Ginny Nelson – 114 N. Shore Road – thanked Chuck for his work on the fair school funding referendum. It's a long time overdue. Spending needs to be cut. Asked Chief Cowan about how much the software system would cost.

Chief Cowan – he estimated under \$10,000. The phone system is \$26,000.

Terry – explained it's an entire phone system, which basically has the switching equipment system and includes automated services; voice mailboxes and desk sets on every desk. Parts wear out over time and now they can't be found.

Dennis Mahan – 712 Oaks Court - Northfield – explained the system they got and offered their old system to us.

Motion to close – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Urban

All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION – # 180-2011

Mike Blee – explained there will be two issues discussed that fall under the contract negotiations exception to the open public meetings act specifically the PBA contract and a contract negotiation with the City Administrator. Those minutes can be disseminated only through court order due to the ongoing employment relationship with both parties.

Motion to enter closed session – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Green

All were in favor.

Mike Blee – we are now in open session and it's 9:00 p.m. and issues discussed were those announced earlier.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Camp - second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____