

Mayor Susan D. Lockwood called the regular meeting of the Delaware Township Committee to order on January 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Delaware Township Municipal Building, 570 Rosemont Ringoes Road (County Route 604) in Sergeantsville, New Jersey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Ms. Lockwood read a statement noting that the Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given by transmission to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Lambertville Beacon, Trenton Times, Courier News, and Star Ledger, by posting at the Delaware Township Municipal Building, and by filing with the Township Clerk all on January 6, 2016.

ROLL CALL

Present: Susan Lockwood, Charles Herman, Joseph Vocke, Alan Johnson, Samuel Thompson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 28, 2015

Mrs. Allen said she has a question about Resolution #2015-81. It authorizes execution of Green Acres documents by a Township official. She suggested citing the 2016 Deputy Mayor as the authorized official because Mayor Lockwood recuses herself in NJDEP matters. Mr. Vocke will sign the Resolution as Deputy Mayor in 2015. Members agreed.

Mr. Vocke moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 28, 2015 including Resolution #2015-81 as discussed. Mr. Herman seconded the motion, and members approved the minutes with abstentions by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Thompson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 4, 2016 REORGANIZATION MEETING

Mr. Herman moved to approve the minutes from the Reorganization meeting on January 4, 2016. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Three corrections were made. Members approved the minutes as corrected with one abstention by Mr. Herman.

RESOLUTION #2016-11 – SETS POLICY FOR CHAIRING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN ABSENCE OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Members reviewed the following Resolution.

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION #2016-11

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Delaware Township presides over meetings of the Delaware Township Committee, when present; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Mayor of Delaware Township presides over meetings of the Delaware Township Committee in the absence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Township Committee wishes to establish a policy to formalize who would preside at a meeting of the Township Committee in the absence of both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey that in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the most senior member of the Township Committee in terms of continuous years of service on the Township Committee will preside over meetings of the Township Committee.

ATTEST:

Judith A. Allen, RMC
Township Clerk
January 11, 2016

Susan D. Lockwood, Mayor

Ms. Lockwood said the situation arose a few times last year when neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor was able to chair a Township Committee meeting. Mr. Johnson said Roberts Rules of Order does not address the situation where neither officer is able to preside. This Resolution sets a policy on how to conduct business. Members agreed that in those situations where neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor can chair a meeting, the most senior member of the Township Committee would chair it. In 2016 that senior member is Mr. Vocke.

Mr. Johnson moved to approve Resolution #2016-11, Mr. Vocke seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved Resolution #2016-11 by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Thompson, Johnson, Vocke, Herman, Lockwood

Nays and abstain – none

RESOLUTION #2016-12 – APPOINTS JUDITH A. ALLEN AS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/PUBLIC COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Members reviewed the following Resolution.

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION #2016-12

WHEREAS, Delaware Township has been advised by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Affirmative Action Office, that it is necessary to appoint an Affirmative Action/Public Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey that it hereby designates Judith A. Allen, Township Clerk, as Affirmative Action/Public Agency Compliance Officer of the Township of Delaware, in Hunterdon County, New Jersey for the year 2016.

ATTEST:

Judith A. Allen, RMC
Township Clerk
January 11, 2016

Susan D. Lockwood, Mayor

Ms. Lockwood said Mrs. Allen has been filling this position, but the Committee must appoint her by resolution.

Mr. Herman moved to approve Resolution #2016-12, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved Resolution #2016-12.

RESOLUTION #2016-13 – TRANSFER FUNDS IN 2015 RESERVE

Members reviewed the following Resolution.

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION #2016-13

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey that the following transfers will be made in the 2015 reserve budget:

FROM:

Planning Board O/E	\$ 2,000.00
Group Insurance O/E	\$ 5,000.00
Purchase of Office Equipment O/E	\$ 4,000.00

TO:

Administrative & Executive O/E	\$ 1,000.00
Buildings & Grounds O/E	\$ 2,000.00
Roads O/E	\$ 5,000.00

Recreation O/E

\$ 3,000.00

ATTEST:

Judith A. Allen, RMC
Township Clerk
January 11, 2016

Susan D. Lockwood, Mayor

Mr. Herman moved to approve Resolution #2016-13, Mr. Vocke seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved Resolution #2016-13 by roll call vote.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Thompson, Johnson, Vocke, Herman, Lockwood
Nays and abstain – none

2016 JUNKYARD LICENSE RENEWAL – GERMAN AUTO RESORT, LLC LOCATED ON BLOCK 18, LOT 1, 1 OLD MILL ROAD

Members reviewed an application submitted by German Auto Resort, LLC for a junkyard license renewal on Block 18, Lot 1. They reviewed a memo dated 1/6/16 from Zoning Officer Michael Mullin who reported that he inspected the junkyard facility to ensure compliance with the junkyard ordinance. He said the required fences are in relatively good condition although a few sections are compromised. All junk is stored within the fence line, and a ten foot fire lane runs through the property. The premises are safe and free of vermin, insects, stagnant water, weeds, brush, loose paper, and trash. There did not appear to be any hazardous or toxic waste stored on site, and no fumes or obnoxious odors were present. The site did not appear to violate any part of the Junkyard Ordinance Section on Environmental restrictions. In his opinion the German Auto Resort Junkyard remains in compliance with the junkyard ordinance. Members agreed.

Mr. Herman moved to approve the 2016 German Auto Resort, LLC junkyard license, Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved the 2016 junkyard license.

READING SCHOOL ON WESCOTT PRESERVE – UPDATE

Mr. Johnson said conveyance and use of the Reading School on the Wescott Preserve on Raven Rock-Rosemont Road has moved in fits and starts. Hunterdon County owns the facility, and it will not put any money into maintenance of the facility. The Historic Advisory Committee heard that the county was preparing to demolish the structure. He wanted to know whether the Township Committee is interested in acquiring this building. The Township had heard that it must bring everything to code before the county will convey the structure, including the septic system. He said the Hunterdon County Department of Health said that an upgrade of the cess pool will not be required if the conveyance is made for less than \$100 in consideration or it is made between political entities.

Mr. Johnson asked whether the Committee wants to explore a conveyance and under what terms. He said the former one-room schoolhouse contributes to the Rosemont Rural Agricultural District. He is concerned about the discussion to demolish the building. He said the building is in an historic district and is government-owned, so it can not be demolished. He asked whether the Township's Historic Advisory Committee would endorse acquisition of the building.

Historic Advisory Committee member John Kuhlman said that Committee meets next week. At last month's meeting, Mr. Johnson spoke with members about the Reading School and asked for a resolution from the Historic Advisory Committee. He said fellow member Marilyn Cummings and he support a resolution to find out what is involved in a conveyance.

Ms. Lockwood said the last time the Township Committee discussed this property, the county said it could not be conveyed without updating everything. Mr. Kuhlman confirmed that information.

Ms. Lockwood said the county acquired this building as part of an open space acquisition. It previously rented the house. The building is structurally deteriorating. The Township's Historical Society is interested in trying to restore it. The Township included this property as a proposed affordable housing unit and had such an agreement with the county. The Township learned that because the property is part of the county's Open Space Inventory, its use must be

recreation related. She said the county offered the property to the Township for \$1, but if the Township had to install a septic system, it would not be a good deal.

Mr. Thompson said if the county wants to dispose of the property, and if the Township can take it on with no risk, the Township Committee has to go forward.

Mr. Johnson suggested asking the Historic Advisory Committee what it is talking about in terms of a possible acquisition by the Township. The Township Committee can consider this information then approach the county to discuss the terms of conveyance.

Mrs. Allen said that at one point the Township Historical Society was going to sublet the building from the Township. Mr. Kuhlman said the Historical Society had expressed some interest in partially paying for a restoration. Mrs. Allen said that the money for repairs authorized by the Township would have to be budgeted, specifications would have to be drawn, quotes or bids would be solicited, and prevailing wage rates may apply. Ms. Lockwood said that is why the Township Committee had concerns about taking on the project.

Mr. Johnson moved to approach the Historic Advisory Committee to get its input on the possible acquisition of the Reading School via a county conveyance to the Township. Pending that affirmative response, the Committee would approach the county about a conveyance. Mr. Vocke seconded the motion.

Mr. Thompson asked whether the Committee should see whether the county is willing to convey or lease the building to the Township. Ms. Lockwood said if the county leases the building instead of conveying it, the Township does not want the financial responsibility of maintaining the building. The Township could facilitate restoration by the Historical Society.

Mr. Herman asked whether the Committee is now giving the Historic Advisory Committee permission to work with the county. If Mr. Kuhlman is going to negotiate with the county, the county must know the Township Committee is serious.

Mr. Herman asked whether Mr. Johnson as a Hunterdon County employee has to recuse himself in negotiations with the county. Mr. Johnson said he works in the Department of Health. If it is not a matter of health, he can participate. Mr. Herman wanted to be sure of that distinction because Ms. Lockwood recuses herself on matters related to NJDEP where she works.

Members unanimously approved the motion.

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Delaware Township Historical Society member Marilyn Cummings said she just found documentary evidence of the location of an old 18th century mill on John Kuhlman's property that fed Washington's troops during the American Revolution. The mill was located where she thought it should have been.

REQUEST FROM TAX COLLECTOR DANENE GOODING – GLASS SECURITY WINDOW AT TAX OFFICE

Ms. Lockwood said the Committee has not yet received a quote for the glass security window requested by Tax Collector Danene Gooding.

Mr. Johnson said he talked with Chief Financial Officer Linda Zengel and Director of Public Works Jay Trstensky about this proposed project. The Township has received only one quote to date. He would feel more comfortable if the Township had obtained multiple quotes. The Committee does not know the full cost for this work.

Ms. Lockwood said she was not sure the Committee should move ahead with this installation. Mr. Johnson said the window has been ordered. Ms. Lockwood said the window should not have been ordered. The Township Committee never voted on it. She said the order should be cancelled.

Mr. Herman asked how would this project be paid. Mr. Johnson said funding would come from the Department of Public Work budget. Mr. Herman thought the Committee should approve physical changes to the Township Building, although it does not have to approve every purchase.

Mr. Vocke said even if there is money in the budget, the Township should go to bid. It should shop the project around.

Mr. Thompson said the Committee asked for more quotes for materials and for the total estimate of the project. Mr. Herman agreed the Committee needs at least one other estimate. The Committee should approve the purchase from the Department of Public Works budget. Chief Financial Officer Linda Zengel said the Committee will have to transfer money into the DPW budget because there is no money available in its budget and no money in the buildings and grounds budget either.

Mr. Thompson asked how the order can be cancelled. Ms. Lockwood asked who sign the contract. Mr. Johnson said the window was ordered several weeks ago.

Mr. Thompson said the Committee must find out how this happened to learn how to prevent it in the future.

Ms. Lockwood said there is no one now on the Township Committee who set this project in motion.

Ms. Lockwood asked whether someone from the Township has to authorize this project in writing. Ms. Zengel said this is a policy decision. The window will change the look of the building. The Township Committee should discuss it.

Mr. Herman asked whether the project was approved at the Departmental level, or did the Committee not pay attention to this project. No clear direction was given by the Township Committee.

Ms. Lockwood said the Committee asked three times for quotes. It never voted on the project.

Mr. Vocke moved to cancel the window order, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion, and members approved the motion by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Thompson, Vocke, Herman, Lockwood
Nays – Johnson
Abstain – none

Mr. Thompson asked how the Committee should proceed. It received a request from Tax Collector Danene Gooding to install a security window for security reasons. He asked whether the window is a requirement, or is the request a suggestion from Ms. Gooding.

Mr. Johnson thought the Committee should make a decision at a future meeting. It should balance the issues of the historical asset of the building, cost, and security.

Mr. Herman asked Ms. Lockwood to meet with Ms. Gooding, and if she feels comfortable with the discussion, she can give some direction to the Committee for discussion at the next meeting. Members agreed.

Mr. Johnson said he will talk to Director of Public Works Jay Trstensky about canceling the window order.

Ms. Lockwood said she will not vote to pay for the window. The Committee does not know the total impact of this project.

Mr. Johnson said approval to purchase the window was not Mr. Trstensky's or the vendor's fault.

Ms. Lockwood compared this unauthorized purchase to the unauthorized purchase of new meeting room chairs for the Township Committee. She noted that Mr. Johnson does not sit in one of these chairs.

2016 TOWNSHIP BUDGET – DISCUSSION

Mr. Thompson said Mr. Johnson and he will meet tomorrow with Auditor William Colantano about the 2016 budget. They will review the budget and bounce ideas around for the 2016

budget. They will discuss what is doable and not doable. Later they will meet with Chief Financial Officer Linda Zengel to review the budget.

Mr. Thompson said he would like to have a budget meeting with all departments to address budget requests. Ms. Lockwood said in the past the Committee met on a Saturday to review the budget. Members agreed to schedule a meeting for February 6th as a work session. The Committee will invite anyone who wants to bring a budget request to the Committee. Ms. Lockwood said the Committee typically invites all emergency service providers to present their budget requests. Mr. Herman thought Mr. Thompson would like more departments to attend as well. Mr. Thompson said he would like requestors to make their requests in a public forum. Members of the public can comment as well.

Ms. Lockwood said the Finance Committee typically reviews the first budget draft. Then the full Township Committee reviews the budget line by line

Mr. Thompson asked to schedule a special Township Committee meeting for February 6th.

Ms. Lockwood said the Committee can not finish the budget until it receives the State aid numbers. That is why the budget is typically introduced late.

Members agreed to offer emergency responders the opportunity to present their budget requests on January 25th. All recipients of donations in 2015 will be invited. Mr. Thompson said they should present information about their service in 2015 at the meeting.

Mr. Johnson said the State set the budget introduction deadline for March 18th. The Township will try to meet that deadline, but it must first receive the State aid numbers.

ICE SKATING RINK AT DILTS FARM PARK

Mr. Herman said he was hoping he would have received final approval for a standard operating procedure and signage wording for the new temporary ice skating rink at the Dilts Farm Park. He is waiting for final approval from the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund (JIF). The Recreation Commission reviewed the proposed policy and procedures and made some changes. Township Attorney Kristina Hadinger looked at the JIF's policy and procedures. The Township will rely on signage at the rink. There will be no one on site actively watching skating activities. Residents will skate at their own risk. A sign will notify residents whether or not the rink is open. Ice hockey, strollers, and skating chains will be prohibited. He said the proposed rules addressed the JIF's concerns.

NOMINATIONS TO NJ AND NATIONAL REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES: STRIMPLE'S MILL ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE LOCKATONG CREEK STONE SIGNPOST ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE PLUM BROOK

Ms. Lockwood read two separate notices each dated January 5, 2016 from the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) stating that it will consider nominations to the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places on March 10th for the Strimple's Mill Road Bridge over the Lockatong Creek and the Stone Sign Post Road Bridge over Plum Brook.

Ms. Lockwood recalled that several years ago the Delaware Township Historical Society decided to nominate almost all bridges in the Township for the New Jersey and National Registers when the Township's bridges needed maintenance by Hunterdon County. SHPO reviewed the proposal and advised the Historical Society to submit these two bridges. She said approval to these registers will protect the two bridges from governmental projects that do not preserve bridges.

2016 ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Thompson moved to approve Tim Drew as the DTAA Liaison to the Recreation Commission, Chad Bower as the DTAA Alternate Liaison to the Recreation Commission, Stephanie Dunn as the DTAA Second Alternate to the Recreation Commission, and to concur with the recommendation from the Board of Health to appoint Norman Strauss Jr. as a voting member and Katie Hooven as an Alternate member. Mr. Vocke seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved the motion.

RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION – SERGEANTSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.
ON APRIL 23, 2016

Members reviewed a raffle license application submitted by the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company for an on-premise raffle on April 23, 2016. Mr. Johnson moved to approve the license, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved the motion.

REVIEW OF MEETING DATES

Members reviewed upcoming meeting dates.

Ms. Lockwood said she will attend the Mayors' meeting in Clinton on February 29th about affordable housing. She will also try to attend the League of Municipalities' Mayors' Legislative Day on February 3rd. However, she is on jury duty that week. Mr. Herman said he will be the backup attendee for Ms. Lockwood.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Johnson said the largest unresolved issue for the Township Building following an inspection by the New Jersey Fire Safety Division is the fire alarm system. The Township received one quote for a new system, but when Mr. Trstensky tried to contact the company, it did not respond. He asked whether the Committee would authorize going out for another quote. Mr. Johnson said he will ask Mr. Trstensky to solicit other proposals.

Mr. Johnson said Mrs. Allen forwarded him a complaint from a resident on Daniel Robbins Lane about a catch basin. He said the work had already been scheduled by the Department of Public Works, and it completed the work last week. He looked at it on Sunday. The soil was restored and re-seeded. The resident is very satisfied.

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Mr. Vocke had no comments.

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Mr. Thompson thanked everyone for coming to tonight's meeting, and he hoped they will continue to attend.

Mr. Thompson asked whether the Committee would consider adding a public comment section at the beginning of every meeting for comments on agenda items only. A second public comment meeting will be provided at the end of the meeting for other comments.

Mr. Herman said the only exception he would request is that comments on the proposed PennEast pipeline at the beginning of the meeting would delay other items on the agenda. Mr. Thompson said pipeline comments would be received during the pipeline discussion later in the agenda. Members agreed.

Mr. Johnson moved to add a public comment item at the beginning of each agenda for comments on agenda items only. Mr. Vocke seconded the motion, and members unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Thompson said he spoke with Kristin McCarthy who asked that the Township Committee reach out to Geologist Matthew Mulhall to find out what would be involved in a review now that the Township knows the ground under the entire proposed pipeline route will be blasted. Mr. Mulhall has worked for the Township in the past. He could provide some comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) about this use prior to PennEast's submission of its draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Ms. McCarthy could talk to Mr. Mulhall about engaging him more formally.

Mr. Thompson said last year the Township Committee allocated \$15,000 for experts. Ms. Zengel said some of that money was paid to Township Attorney Kristina Hadinger for pipeline matters.

Mr. Thompson said Mr. Mulhall would first talk about comments prior to submission of the EIS.

Ms. Lockwood said the Committee needs a more specific scope of work.

Mr. Johnson asked whether any other municipalities have engaged a hydrogeologist. Mr. Thompson said he can ask Ms. McCarthy who can reach out to other municipalities. Mr. Johnson thought affected municipalities might combine their efforts.

Mr. Thompson said this first stage is more urgent. The Township should reach out to Mr. Mulhall now for comments, then work more collaboratively with other municipalities using either Mr. Mulhall or another expert.

Ms. Lockwood said the Committee needs a scope of work and a cost estimate. Mr. Thompson said he will bring that information to the next meeting.

Mr. Johnson asked whether the Pipeline Subcommittee was re-authorized for this year, and Ms. Lockwood replied yes.

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Mr. Herman said he met with representatives from Delaware Township School to discuss the generator grant approved for the School. He received an email from the School indicating it was considering withdrawing from the grant. Before it does so, Mr. Herman would like to take another look at the numbers. There is a huge disparity between the original generator cost to the School and the cost figures provided by its architect. He would like to get a more official number. He will contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for more information. Mr. Herman said the School has concerns about the location and size of the generator. He hoped to work to address those concerns and move forward with the grant project. He will keep Mr. Vocke in the loop as the Liaison to the School Board.

Mr. Johnson said the School had some concerns about the requirement associated with the generator grant to provide emergency shelter to the public. He asked whether this is still an issue. Mr. Herman said the School recognizes that in a worst case scenario it will be an emergency shelter. There have been situations where federal departments have taken over schools for shelter and command centers. Whether or not Delaware Township School accepts the generator grant, the authorities could take over the School for temporary emergency uses. He asked whether the generator is sized to cover the entire school or only areas that could serve as shelter locations.

Mr. Herman apologized for not attending the January 4th Reorganization meeting. He acknowledged the many volunteers who serve Delaware Township, and he appreciates their service.

Mr. Herman said last fall the Township Committee did a lot in connection with the proposed PennEast pipeline. He recognized Kristin McCarthy, Kathy Katz, and everyone on the Pipeline Committee for their hard work in connection with this project. He said it is important to acknowledge the work being done by the Township Committee on the pipeline. He acknowledged the work by Township Clerk Judith Allen for her work as well. He said Ms. McCarthy said it best when she said this is a community effort. She decided that her position as a community leader in the pipeline matter was more important than serving on the Township Committee. Mr. Herman said he believed the community can work very cohesively together.

Mr. Herman said that he has heard from a number of people who asked him about the Committee's reorganization discussions in December. He encouraged his fellow members to discuss various appointments in open session so that residents do not get incorrect impressions about appointments. To be a more open Committee, members should conduct these discussions in open session so they can provide the reasoning for appointments.

Mr. Herman said he looks forward to working with all the members of the Township Committee.

Ms. Lockwood said the December newsletter asked residents who were interested in serving on any Township committee, board or commission to contact the township. The notice was also sent through the School. There are still vacancies to fill.

Mr. Herman said this Committee can change the perception for residents. It can hold open meetings. There should be no more closed door discussions.

Mr. Johnson agreed.

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Ms. Lockwood said the deadline for the March newsletter articles is January 31st. She asked Mr. Thompson to write a pipeline update.

Ms. Lockwood said she had a brief conversation with Township Attorney Kristina Hadinger about her attending Township Committee meetings once each month. That way Ms. Hadinger would hear first-hand what issues the Committee is facing instead of individual members calling Ms. Hadinger independently. This previous attendance practice was discontinued because some Committee members thought it would save money. However, the back and forth conversations cost the Township money. In addition, the full Committee and the public do not get the benefit of Ms. Hadinger's advice. Ms. Hadinger told her she would be available for Committee meetings.

Mr. Johnson said the Committee may not need Ms. Hadinger every month.

Mr. Thompson said there are frequent pipeline issues at meetings. Sometimes issues that require a legal opinion arise that members never expect. He liked the idea of Ms. Hadinger's attendance once monthly.

Members discussed how to schedule topics that might need Ms. Hadinger's input.

Mr. Thompson asked what constitutes a legitimate reason to call Ms. Hadinger without prior authorization from the Committee.

Members agreed there should be more detailed bills from Ms. Hadinger to include who called her and for what reason.

Mr. Herman said the Committee might consider appointing a legal liaison between the Committee and Ms. Hadinger.

Ms. Lockwood said she read that Hopewell Township has a new mayor. He stated he intends to fight the proposed PennEast pipeline actively. She will reach out to him.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

Kathy Klink asked whether Mr. Thompson will chair the Pipeline Committee in 2016, and Mr. Thompson replied yes. Ms. Klink thanked everyone who has worked to fight the proposed pipeline. She said Kathy Katz spent a huge amount of time as Chairperson of that Committee in 2015.

Linda Zengel asked whether the Township Building really needs a generator through the FEMA grant. It will be very loud, and the noise will upset residents of Sergeantsville. A generator must be tested weekly. She thought a small generator to fuel the furnace may be a better alternative.

Mrs. Allen said the Township Building staff could operate out of the Police Building if there were an extended power outage.

Mr. Johnson said a generator would protect the Township Building and records stored there.

Mr. Herman said he will see whether the generator size can be reduced so it is not so offensive.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Members reviewed and approved the following vouchers for payment at the Regular Meeting of the Delaware Township Committee held on January 11, 2016. Mr. Johnson moved to approve payment of the bills on the bill list. Mr. Vocke seconded the motion. Members unanimously approved the motion to pay the bills by roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey that the January 11, 2016 vouchers be paid.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Thompson, Johnson, Vocke, Herman, Lockwood

Nays and abstain – none

The bill list is attached to the end of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Members moved, seconded and unanimously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Allen, RMC
Township Clerk

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Approved: January 25, 2016

Susan D. Lockwood, Mayor