

Township Committee Meeting – April 10, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Holmdel Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Critelli at 7:00 PM.

Statement read by Mayor:

I hereby announce that pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in the notice which was sent to the Asbury Park Press, the Courier, the Independent and the Two River Times and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby at Town Hall, and a copy filed in the Township Clerk's Office on January 5, 2018.

Present on Roll Call:

Mayor Thomas Critelli  
Gregory Buontempo, Township Committeeman  
Michael Nikolis, Township Committeeman

Absent:

Deputy Mayor Rocco Pascucci  
Eric Hinds, Township Committeeman

Also Present:

Donna Vieiro, Township Administrator  
Jeanette Larrison, Chief Financial Officer  
Francis W. Mullan, Township Engineer  
Michael Collins, Township Attorney  
Maureen Doloughy, Township Clerk  
Wendy Patrovich, Deputy Township Clerk

Resolution to Enter into Executive Session

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act provides that the Township Committee may enter into Executive Session to discuss matters that are of a confidential nature, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Township Attorney and Township Administrator that the Township Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss matters set forth hereinafter which are permissible for discussion in Executive Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee shall enter into Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

Legal Issues, Litigation, Potential Litigation, Contract Negotiation, Attorney-Client Privilege – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7)

JAG Holding Company v. Township of Holmdel Township

Potential Contract Negotiations with Holmdel Township Board of Education  
Regarding Recreation Needs

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minutes of the Executive Session shall be released to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion was made by Mr. Buontempo seconded by Mr. Nikolis to adopt the above Resolution. Carried on roll call vote: Mr. Buontempo, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Nikolis, Dr. Pascucci, Mayor Critelli; Nays: None; Abstain: None

The Meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM and Mayor Critelli led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silent Prayer.

**Proclamation**

Eagle Scout Anthony Saporito

WHEREAS, Anthony Saporito is a member of Troop 331 of the Boy Scouts of America in Holmdel, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, he has lived and continues to live according to the Boy Scout Oath:

“On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law. To help other people at all times. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.”

WHEREAS, Anthony achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout, Anthony restored the flagpole area and replaced the sign at the firehouse located at 11 Centerville Road, and thereby has contributed to the well-being of his community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel that we applaud and officially recognize Anthony Saporito on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and for his unselfish voluntary service to the community; and

BE FURTHER IT RESOLVED that we wish Anthony continued success in all his future endeavors with confidence that he will serve as a role model for other Boy Scouts and will continue to make important contributions to society.

**Consent Agenda**

Bills Payable Resolution #1

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel that the claims listed below on the Schedule of Bills Payable on April 10, 2018 be and the same hereby are approved and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to pay said claims.

FUND DISTRIBUTION	8-01	CURRENT FUND	\$	7,514.24
		Total Of All Funds:	\$	7,514.24

Motion was made by Mr. Buontempo seconded by Mr. Nikolis to adopt the above Resolution. Carried on roll call vote: Mr. Buontempo, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Nikolis, Dr. Pascucci, Mayor Critelli; Nays: None; Abstain: None

Bills Payable Resolution #2

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel that the claims listed below on the Schedule of Bills Payable on April 10, 2018 be and the same hereby are approved and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to pay said claims.

FUND DISTRIBUTION	7-01	CURRENT FUND	\$	19,787.30
FUND DISTRIBUTION	7-12		\$	522.93
		Year Total	\$	20,310.23
FUND DISTRIBUTION	8-01	CURRENT FUND	\$	411,990.04
FUND DISTRIBUTION	8-07	SEWER	\$	313,716.61
FUND DISTRIBUTION	8-12		\$	5,031.50
FUND DISTRIBUTION	8-26	POOL OPER	\$	624.95
		YEAR TOTAL	\$	731,363.10
FUND DISTRIBUTION	C-04	GENERAL CAPT	\$	35,048.78
FUND DISTRIBUTION	C-08	SEWER	\$	1,015.50
		YEAR TOTAL	\$	36,064.28
FUND DISTRIBUTION	D-02	DOG TRUST	\$	80.40
FUND DISTRIBUTION	G-02	STATE/FED	\$	207.36
FUND DISTRIBUTION	T-12	OTHER TRUSTS	\$	2,692.81
FUND DISTRIBUTION	T-24	FAIR HOUSING	\$	16,115.15
		YEAR TOTAL	\$	18,807.96
		Total Of All Funds:	\$	806,833.33
		Total of all Projects:	\$	3,844.50

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Resolution Requesting Support From NJ Transit Regarding Judge Gail Cookson's Decision of the JCP&L Reliability Project

WHEREAS, Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("BPU") to locate a 230,000 kilovolt transmission line with 140 foot high monopoles along the New Jersey Transit right-of-way running through the Township of Holmdel, for the JCP&L Reliability Project; and

WHEREAS, a similar project was proposed by JCP&L in 1989, but was withdrawn in the face of overwhelming opposition; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel has serious concerns related to the health, safety and aesthetics of JCP&L's recent plan, and accordingly opposed JCP&L's petition in court as a member of the Joint Municipal Group; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Judge Gail Cookson, A.L.J. rendered an initial decision rejecting JCP&L's petition for failing to meet its burden of proof; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cookson further held that JCP&L failed to give much more than "little or no consideration" to alternative corridors and ignored non-transmission solutions entirely; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that Judge Cookson's well-reasoned decision accurately reflects upon and resolves the concerns held by the residents of Holmdel relating to the JCP&L petition; and

WHEREAS, in order for the JCP&L Reliability Project to proceed, JCP&L must obtain an easement from New Jersey Transit to place its monopoles along the North Jersey Coast Line right-of-way, which New Jersey Transit may rightfully deny in its discretion as a public entity established to "acquire, operate and contract for transportation service in the public interest."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby formally urges the New Jersey Transit Board of Directors to deny any application by JCP&L to obtain an easement along the New Jersey Transit North Jersey Coast Line right-of-way, in light of the findings of fact and conclusions of law by Judge Cookson demonstrating the adverse impact of the proposed JCP&L Reliability Project upon the residents of Holmdel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby formally urges Governor Phil Murphy to exercise his statutory veto authority over the actions of the New Jersey Transit Board of Directors to effectuate the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, Acting Transportation Commissioner, and all members of the New Jersey Transit Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy.

Motion was made by Mr. Buontempo seconded by Mr. Nikolis to adopt the above Resolution. Carried on roll call vote: Mr. Buontempo, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Nikolis, Dr. Pascucci, Mayor Critelli; Nays: None; Abstain: None

Resolution Requesting Support From NJ Board of Public Utilities Regarding Judge Gail Cookson's Decision of the JCP&L Reliability Project

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WHEREAS, a similar project was proposed by JCP&L in 1989, but was withdrawn in the face of overwhelming opposition; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel has serious concerns related to the health, safety and aesthetics of JCP&L's recent plan, and accordingly opposed JCP&L's petition in court as a member of the Joint Municipal Group; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Judge Gail Cookson, A.L.J. rendered an initial decision rejecting JCP&L's petition for failing to meet its burden of proof; and

WHEREAS, Judge Cookson further held that JCP&L failed to give much more than "little or no consideration" to alternative corridors and ignored non-transmission solutions entirely; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that Judge Cookson's well-reasoned decision accurately reflects upon and resolves the concerns held by the residents of Holmdel relating to the JCP&L petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby formally urges the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to accept Judge Cookson's initial decision as its final agency decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joseph L. Fiordaliso, President, and all Commissioners of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the following State elected officials representing Holmdel: Governor Phil Murphy; Senator Declan J. O'Scanlon, Jr.; Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso; and Assemblywoman Amy Handlin.

Motion was made by Mr. Buontempo seconded by Mr. Nikolis to adopt the above Resolution. Carried on roll call vote: Mr. Buontempo, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Nikolis, Dr. Pascucci, Mayor Critelli; Nays: None; Abstain: None

Resolution Authorizing the Adjustment of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2017 Sewer Billing for 674 North Beers Street; Block 35 Lot 6

WHEREAS, the property owner for Holmdel Preschool, Block 35 Lot 6, was notified by NJ American Water that their water usage was unusually high for the October/November 2017 billing period, and;

WHEREAS, the property owner contacted a plumber who discovered a broken water line under the slab of the building and replaced the broken line in December 2017, and;

WHEREAS, NJ American Water provides the water usage figures needed to calculate the flow charge portion of the commercial sewer billing, and;

WHEREAS, Water usage for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2017 cannot be accurately determined due to the water line break, and;

WHEREAS, it is requested that the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016 consumption figure of 50,000 gallons be used to recalculate the 2017 flow charge, which would result in a billing reduction of \$311.68.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to reduce the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2017 sewer billing for Block 35 Lot 6 by \$311.68.

Motion was made by Mr. Buontempo seconded by Mr. Nikolis to adopt the above Resolution. Carried on roll call vote: Mr. Buontempo, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Nikolis, Dr. Pascucci, Mayor Critelli; Nays: None; Abstain: None

Resolution Rescinding the Previous Actions and Awarding Contract for 2018 Mowing Services

WHEREAS, pursuant to a request for proposals (“RFP”) issued for 2018 mowing services, on March 13, 2018, the Township Committee adopted a resolution awarding a contract to Custom Care Services, Inc., the purported lowest responsive bidder, in the amount of \$145,805 for a maximum two-year term; and

WHEREAS, following the adoption of this resolution, the Township determined that due to a clerical error interpreting Custom Care Services, Inc.’s bid amount as being for two years under the contract, when in fact it was a per-year bid of \$145,805, the entity was in fact not the lowest responsive bidder; and

WHEREAS, based upon this finding and the requirement to award to the lowest responsive bidder under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., the Township Attorney issued a letter to Custom Care Services, Inc., rescinding the bid award to Custom Care Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, following a further review, the Township finds that Donofrio & Sons is the lowest responsive bidder to the RFP, with a total two-year bid price of \$170,870, and the Township’s Qualified Purchasing Agent (“QPA”) recommends award consistent with same; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Chief Financial Officer has certified to the Purchasing Agent that funds are available for the contract award to Donofrio & Sons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel hereby rescinds its resolution dated March 13, 2018, awarding a contract to Custom Care Services, Inc., and further directs the Township Attorney to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel hereby awards a contract to Donofrio & Sons, for a one-year term with a Township-held option to renew for an additional one-year term, at a two-year bid price of \$170,780, contingent upon review of the entity’s bid documents by the Township Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk or designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Donofrio & Sons, consistent with the bid documents and the foregoing terms.

Motion was made by Mr. Buontempo seconded by Mr. Nikolis to adopt the above Resolution. Carried on roll call vote: Mr. Buontempo, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Nikolis, Dr. Pascucci, Mayor Critelli; Nays: None; Abstain: None

Resolution Awarding A Contract for the installation of a retaining wall at the Department of Public Works to Dutchman Contracting, LLC

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2018 bids were received at the Municipal Building, 4 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey, for the installation of a retaining wall at the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brennan Brothers Contracting, LLC	\$ 55,502.00
Dutchman Contracting, LLC	\$ 94,900.00
Black Rock Enterprises	\$100,000.00
Earle Asphalt Company	\$117,213.13
Earthworks, Inc	\$137,500.00

WHEREAS, the apparent low bid submitted by Brennan Brothers Contracting, LLC was non-responsive as to form; and

WHEREAS the Township Qualified Purchasing Agent has recommended an award be made to Dutchman Contracting, LLC ; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the Purchasing Agent that funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel hereby awards a contract to Dutchman Contracting, LLC in accordance with the bid documents in the amount of \$ 94,900.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution certified by the Township Clerk to be a true copy be forwarded to Dutchman Contracting, LLC, Township Qualified Purchasing Agent, and to each of the unsuccessful bidders.

Motion was made by Mr. Buontempo seconded by Mr. Nikolis to adopt the above Resolution. Carried on roll call vote: Mr. Buontempo, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Nikolis, Dr. Pascucci, Mayor Critelli; Nays: None; Abstain: None

Resolution Approving the Self-Examination of Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and



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WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Holmdel has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2018 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Holmdel that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
  - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
  - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
  - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
  - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
  - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
  - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
  - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
  - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
  - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Motion was made by Mr. Buontempo seconded by Mr. Nikolis to adopt the above Resolution. Carried on roll call vote: Mr. Buontempo, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Nikolis, Dr. Pascucci, Mayor Critelli; Nays: None; Abstain: None

Resolution for Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity

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Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that it hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Township Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion was made by Mr. Buontempo seconded by Mr. Nikolis to adopt the above Resolution. Carried on roll call vote: Mr. Buontempo, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Nikolis, Dr. Pascucci, Mayor Critelli; Nays: None; Abstain: None

### **Introduction of Ordinances**

CALENDAR YEAR 2018 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.: 4-45.14) ORDINANCE 2018-06

Motion was made by Mr. Hinds seconded by Dr. Pascucci to adopt on first reading, publish in the Asbury Park Press, and Set Public Hearing for April 24, 2018. Carried on roll call vote: Mr. Buontempo, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Nikolis, Dr. Pascucci, Mayor Critelli; Nays: None; Abstain: None;

### **Departments**

#### Chief Financial Officer

#### Introduction of 2018 Budget

Ms. Larrison stated that the Committee has been presented with the Budget document that is scheduled for Introduction. She stated that the amount to be raised by taxes will remain flat again this year. This is the second year in a row that there will be no tax increase for the Municipal Portion of the Budget. The amount of surplus to be utilized this year has been increased in order to have it available. Some PILOT revenues, approximately \$300,000, are being anticipated for the first time.

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Ms. Larrison stated that the State Aid, Energy Tax, is remaining flat again. The Township has received 100% funding for the Middletown Road Project.

On the appropriation side of the Budget Ms. Larrison stated salaries are increased across the board due to contract negotiations. There is a fully funded IT Budget which was funded last year for a portion of the year. At this point the Open Space Budget is fully funded. The down payment for Capital Improvement Projects has been increased. The debt service has also increased. That is done strategically in order to pay down short term debt.

Ms. Larrison stated that for the past four years there have been deferred unfunded charges from Ordinances stemming back to the year 2000. The money was never borrowed to complete the projects but spent cash on them and there is a penalty for that. This year it will be paid in full so that line item will no longer appear.

Motion was made by Mr. Hinds seconded by Mayor Critelli to Introduce the 2018 Budget and set Public Hearing for May 8, 2018. Denied on roll call vote: Mr. Hinds, Mayor Critelli; Nays: Mr. Buontempo, Mr. Nikolis, Dr. Pascucci; None; Abstain: None

### **Professional Reports**

#### Attorney

Mr. Collins stated that there is a Resolution which has been prepared authorizing the Execution of documents relating to the lease of the Holmdel Township Library and Learning Center. Mr. Collins stated that there are documents that need to be executed relating to a refinancing that is occurring by Somerset Development.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 2017-03, the Township of Holmdel ("Township") entered into a lease (the "Lease") with Somerset Holmdel Development I Urban Renewal, L.P. (the "Landlord"), for a premises located in the Bell Works building at 101 Crawfords Corner Road in Holmdel, which currently houses the Holmdel Township Library and Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, in order for Landlord to complete a refinancing, counsel for the Landlord has requested the execution of various documents; and

WHEREAS, the Township has various obligations to Landlord under the Lease including the potential execution of such documents, which the Township wishes to comply with on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney's legal review of these documents is ongoing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel that the Township Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a legal review of any and all documents requested to be executed by Landlord relating to the Lease on an ongoing basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, subject to the review and approval by the Township Attorney, and provided the documents are consistent with the Lease and the authorization contained in Ordinance 2017-03, the Mayor or Clerk or designee is hereby authorized to execute documents reasonably necessary to carry out the terms of the Lease on an ongoing basis.

Motion was made by Mr. Buontempo seconded by Dr. Pascucci to adopt the above Resolution. Carried on roll call vote: Mr. Buontempo, Mr. Hinds, Mr. Nikolis, Dr. Pascucci, Mayor Critelli; Nays: None; Abstain: None

#### Engineer

Mr. Mullan stated that an outline of all the outstanding efforts being worked on including the last phase of improvements to Crawfords Corner Road, the drainage culvert replacement on Chestnut Ridge Road and the guiderail being installed on Cat Bird Alley.

#### **Boards/Committees**

Dr. Pascucci asked the Committee for permission to speak with Dr. Harry Carter to help look at the town and see what the town really needs with regard to Fire Protection. He will bring the discussion back to the Township Committee. By consensus, the Committee agreed.

Mr. Nikolis stated that the Rutgers Water Resources Study Group came to Holmdel. They met on Palmer Avenue regarding the flooding there. The study will take approximately one year. The study area will be Palmer Avenue and the Waackkack Creek Flood Plain. They will review and see what options are available for as solutions.

Mr. Nikolis stated that there is a Financial Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday and they will review the Budget.

Mr. Buontempo stated that the Police will hold the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Thursday at Town Hall.

Mr. Hinds stated that he is working on a date for another Community Clean Up. It will likely be sometime in September.

## Public Comment

Ralph Blumenthal, Stoney Brook Road, has been working with Recreation and CILU. There will be a walk on Saturday at Bayonet Farm to see the daffodils.

Carol Balmer, Middletown Road, stated that several years ago the Township Committee rescinded an Ordinance which allowed taxpayers to come to the Township Committee to appeal a decision of the Zoning Board. She encouraged the Committee to reinstate that Ordinance.

Tom Wood Heather Hill Way, stated that the capital portion of the draft budget called for \$3 million for park improvements. Ms. Larrison stated that each year there is a similar discussion. The Township has to provide for a 6-year capital plan. That plan is preliminary. The budget does not approve those projects. That is why it is a cursory item. If the projects are approved there will be a Bond Ordinance.

Peter Redding, Rustic Lane, appealed to the Township Committee stating that there is a huge need for one turf field. There are fourteen teams fighting for the field at Satz School. He asked the Committee to try to find a way to get another turf field in this town. Satz team does not have a home field. The request is to get this moving.

Bob Manning, Cedar Village, stated that he has grandchildren in this town and they want to play sports. They need another turf field.

Barbara Singer, Deerfield Road, asked, regarding the Rutgers Study Team, will they be there when it is raining or do they have a schedule. Mr. Nikolis stated they have a special drone. They will take all the time they need this spring. They will come out in the rain. They are not just focusing on Palmer but the entire Waackaack area. Ms. Singer asked if this study will it interfere with the road improvement. Mr. Mullan stated that it will not interfere with it. The two efforts are not in conflict with each other.

Jay Yonello, Ladwood Drive, stated that he is not opposed to turf field at the Satz School.

Scott Goldstein, East Lawn Drive. asked for an update on Affordable Housing, Mr. Collins stated that he is not aware of any court dates. This is on-going litigation.

Chen Gee, thanked the Committee for adopting resolution. He attended the NJ Transit meeting and he mentioned to them that the Committee was going to adopt the resolution.

Joe Crawley, Ely road, stated that he thinks there is a compelling need for high school sports for Holmdel. He asked if there is a time frame to expect to have decision made on what will and will not happen. Mayor Critelli stated the Budget could be Introduced at the next meeting. Once adopted there will be a better idea of what money would be available. He wants a plan in place before anything is done.

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There being no one else who wished to be heard, Mayor Critelli closed the Public Portion.

**Workshop Meeting**

By consensus, the Committee agreed to hold a Budget Workshop on April 19, 2018 beginning at 7:30 PM.

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Mr. Hinds seconded by Dr. Pascucci to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Maureen Dolougherty, RMC  
Township Clerk