



14-195 Authorize the Release of Performance Guarantee(s) for the following:

- a. Block 8, Lots 20 & 27 – 45 Monmouth Road – The White House in Oakhurst
- b. Block 61.03, Lot 4 – 604 Woodland Road – Ryan & Wanessa Vaccaro

14-196 Approve the participation in the Monmouth County Mutual Aid Program and authorize the Police Chief to be the Township's representative to same

14-197 Authorize the submission of the FY2015 NJ Department of Transportation Trust Fund Municipal Aid Program

14-198 Approve the Release of various 2014 Closed Session Minutes.

14-199 Certify the Review of the CY2014/SFY2015 Best Practices Checklist

14-200 Approve the amendment to the Agreement between the Township of Ocean and the Wanamassa Fire Company for Firemen's Field

### **INDIVIDUAL ACTION:**

### **VOUCHERS: \$**

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

14-201 Provide for the issuance of \$16,200,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014

Andrew Brannen, Township Manager, explained that the Township will be transferring its Bond Anticipation Notes to permanent bonds. The Township will be retiring its existing debt and replacing it with this new issue. There is not expected to be an increase in the Townships debt service.

14-202 Authorize the purchase of a locker system from Diversified Storage Solutions at a cost not to exceed \$13,836.00

14-203 Authorize the Tax Collector to issue refunds/credits to those taxpayers that have received favorable State Tax Appeal judgments.

Mr. Brannen said that this tax appeal is for the property located at 912 and 920 Highway 35.

### **ORDINANCES:**

#### **Adoption(s):**

Ordinance #2227 – (Coaster)

A bond ordinance providing for curb and sidewalk improvements and appropriating \$332,700 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$316,065 bonds or notes to furnish a portion of the costs thereof

Ordinance #2233 – (Coaster)

An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XII of the "Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Ocean, 1965" entitled: Traffic

Mr. Brannen said that the Township is expanding the list of streets with restrictions during snow emergencies.

**ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:****SUBJECT:** Board of Education Presentation

**ACTION:** Dr. Stefankiewicz discussed the different aspects of the Bond Referendum that will be presented to the voters at a special election on December 9, 2014. Dr. Stefankiewicz discussed the various improvements that will be undertaken at each facility should this referendum pass.

Mr. Jannarone discussed the financial impact of this referendum. Mr. Jannarone explained that due to favorable interest rates and expiring debt, a homeowner whose assessed value is approximately \$400,000 will actually see a reduction of approximately \$12.00 and for those residents in Loch Arbour, they will see a reduction of approximately \$30.00.

Mr. Jannarone said that polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on December 9, 2014 for voting.

**SUBJECT:** 2014 Permanent Financing Update

**ACTION:** Stephen Gallagher, Director of Finance, announced that the Township has just been notified that Standard & Poors have reviewed the Township's finances and have given the Township a AA+ rating. Mr. Gallagher said that this confirms that the Township is on solid financial footing with very strong financial flexibility and very strong liquidity. Mr. Gallagher also said that the ability for the Township to regenerate surplus was a key component in receiving such a high rating.

**SUBJECT:** Capital Project Update**ACTION:** Mr. Brannen reported the following:

- a. Town Hall Renovations – expected to be completed by the beginning of January.
- b. Senior Center renovations – an amendment will be needed due to an enhancement in the exterior materials. The additional cost will be absorbed by the contingency that has been established for said project.
- c. Monmouth Road Bridge – the Township is trying to get sidewalks installed, however, the guard rail will need to be moved. Mr. Brannen said that there will be a portion of the sidewalk and sidewalk that will need to be re-located which will cost an additional \$5,000.00

**SUBJECT:** Monmouth County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

**ACTION:** Mr. Brannen said that the Township has added Harvey Brook, Whalepond Brook and Poplar Brook to the County Mitigation Plan

**SUBJECT:** 2014 Tax Sale Update

**ACTION:** Vincent Buttiglieri, Deputy Tax Collector reported that the Township held its Tax Sale on October 16, 2014 and had 81 properties included. Liens were sold on 76 properties. The Township received a Total in Sale of \$158,611.14 and \$844,600 in Premiums. There were 5 properties that were struck off to the municipality at 18% interest.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Deputy Mayor Siciliano asked Mr. Brannen to set up a meeting with the Township Engineer and the NJDOT to discuss the issue with the jug-handles. Deputy Mayor Siciliano feels they are unsafe and should be replaced with turn lanes.

The following individuals did not issue a report at this meeting:

Councilmember Evans, Garofalo and Schepiga  
Martin Arbus, Esq., Township Attorney  
Andrew Brannen, Township Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Seeing that there were no Public Comments, Mayor read the following:

**RESOLUTION  
DECLARING CLOSED SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth as follows:

1. The Public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  - C1. Litigation – COAH
  - C2. Contract – Sale of Real – Block 123, Lot 40
  - C3. Contract -
3. It is anticipated at this time that the Municipal Clerk shall on a six (6) month basis, review the minutes of closed sessions of the Township of Ocean and make a recommendation to the Governing Body which minutes should be considered for public record. The minutes which are made public shall not thereafter be treated as confidential, but may be seen and copied by any person(s) in the same manner as any meeting minutes of the Township of Ocean.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Record of Vote	Deputy Mayor Siciliano	Councilman Evans	Councilman Garofalo	Councilwoman Schepiga	Mayor Larkin
Motion To Approve			X		
Motion to Second		X			
Approved	X	X	X	X	X
Opposed					
Not Voting/Recuse					
Absent/Excused					

Seeing that there were no additional comments, the meeting was adjourned.

Record of Vote	Deputy Mayor Siciliano	Councilman Evans	Councilman Garofalo	Councilwoman Schepiga	Mayor Larkin
Motion To Approve			X		
Motion to Second				X	
Approved	X	X	X	X	X
Opposed					
Not Voting/Recuse					
Absent/Excused					

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC/CMC/MMC  
Township Clerk