

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Severino opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

“Sunshine Law” Announcement: Adequate notice of this public meeting has been provided by the Annual Notice; mailed electronically to the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; posted on the public bulletin board and on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL - Present: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek
Absent: Mr. Bischoff
Others Present: J. Peter Jost, Esq. and Ella Ruta, Township Clerk

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Regular and Executive Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2010.

Mr. Mazza made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2010. Mr. Haynes seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Abstain – Mr. Haynes. Motion carried.

VISITORS

- a. Pat Lingelbach (not present at the meeting) – Request to Paint Historical Building. Mr. Mazza read the quotes. It will be discussed at the budget meeting.

REPORTS RECEIVED

- a. Road Dept.- Week Ending 01/05/10; 01/15/10; 01/22/10.
- b. Tax Collector
- c. Pattenburg Volunteer Fire Co. – 2009 Year End Report.
- d. UTEC - January 12, 2010 Draft Minutes

CORRESPONDENCE/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Dziubek mentioned the following correspondence:

- A 22% surcharge for court fees has been signed into law.
- PAIC (Insurance) 2010 EPL/POL Training. Mrs. Dziubek and Mr. Bischoff scheduled to attend March 2, 2010 seminar in Mansfield.
- Affordable Housing Legislation, Senator Lesniak. A Bill to eliminate COAH and re-instate RCAs. The clerk will forward letter to all Committee Members, Mr. Balzano, Mr. Jost, and Mr. Kirkpatrick. The Clerk to call Mr. Balzano and Mr. Koenig for advice.
- US Census Bureau, 2010 Boundary Validation Program-Initial. Seeks to validate that the boundary lines of the Township have not changed. Response due March 10, 2010.

Mr. Haynes mentioned the following correspondence: None

Mr. Mazza mentioned the following correspondence:

- Letter from PAIC Insurance – Recommendations have been complied with.

- Road Dept. - 2002 truck stalled on the railroad tracks and was towed. Another truck is also in need of repair.

Mr. Severino mentioned the following correspondence:

- The Mayor took the opportunity to acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and recognize their service to our youth.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michele McBride, Township Resident.

- Inquired if the Committee was planning to adopt a resolution stating concerns about the Truck Depot in Franklin Township, Warren County.
- RFPs for Hoffman House and the Hoffman Barns have been completed by the Stewardship Committee and Environmental Commission. Waiting for final approval by the County.
- Last week there was a fire on Charlestown Road caused, according to the Pattenburg Fire Co, by a lost truck driver trying to turn around in the hunter's parking lot. Discussion of truck traffic patterns in the area. Mr. Severino will call the Township Engineer to discuss.

Jack Hara, Chairman of the Township Recreation Committee.

- Spoke about the plan for a tennis program for first thru fourth graders. The Recreation Committee is planning two movie nights this year.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2nd reading - None

OLD BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION #2010-30
UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY
APPOINTMENT – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union is currently in need of an Emergency Management Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Hirt is qualified for this position;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union to appoint Bruce Hirt to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for a 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012.

Mr. Haynes made a motion to adopt the above resolution. Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. The following resolution introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2010-31
UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY
2010 WEBSITE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for management and maintenance of an official Township of Union website; and

WHEREAS, the Township has provided funds for such services and said funds have been certified as being available by the Certified Finance Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Fitting & Zidd Internet Marketing Agency is a professional company offering website management services and has expressed a willingness to offer said services in the amount of \$2,400.00 per year, paid quarterly;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union to enter into Contract with the Fitting & Zidd Internet Marketing Agency for the 2010 calendar year.

Date: February 3, 2010

CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq., I, Grace M. Brennan, as Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Union, have ascertained that there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriated funds to award a contract to the Fitting & Zidd Internet Marketing Agency as appropriated in the 2010 Temporary/Adopted Budget.

Date: _____

Grace M. Brennan, CFO

Mr. Haynes made a motion to adopt the above resolution. Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

b. The following resolution introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION #2010-32

**UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY
2010 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT/ENGINEERING SERVICES
Robert Clerico P.E.; Van Cleef Engineering Associates**

WHEREAS, the Township of Union has a need to acquire engineering services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44-A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the value of the services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Van Cleef Engineering Associates, 1128 Route 31, Lebanon, NJ 08833, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certified that Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the township of Union in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Van Cleef Engineering Associates from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED by and between the Township of Union and Van Cleef Engineering Associates as follows:

1. The Engineer shall be compensated at the hourly rate for all engineering services rendered as needed or requested by the Township Committee, Planning Board/Board of Adjustment, or other Township agencies.
2. Engineering services may be performed for the Township by other principals and employees of the firm of Van Cleef Engineering Associates under the direct supervision of Robert Clerico, P.E., when Robert Clerico, P.E. is unavailable or when otherwise necessary and desirable.
3. This agreement shall cover the period from January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010.
4. The Township Engineer agrees that no services are to be performed unless specific approval is granted by an appropriate Township official either verbally or in writing.
5. An Affirmative Action Employee Information Report is attached and is part of this agreement. In addition, a copy of Exhibit A, Mandatory Affirmative Action Language, and business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value are attached and also part of this agreement.
6. Van Cleef Engineering Associates will carry, at its expense, during the appointment period professional liability insurance.
7. If any provision or part thereof of this agreement is held to be void or unenforceable under any law and shall be deemed stricken all remaining provisions shall nevertheless continue to be valid and binding upon the parties. The parties agree that this agreement shall be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision which comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.
8. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper.

Date: February 3, 2010

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As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq., I, Grace M. Brennan, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Union, have ascertained that there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriated funds in the 2010 Temporary/Adopted Budget to award a contract to Van Cleef Engineering Associates, under the line item "Engineering".

Date: _____
Grace M. Brennan, CFO

Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to approve the above resolution subject to reducing the copy charge to 10 cents per page and no mileage fee. Mr. Mazza seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

c. The following resolution introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION #2010-33
UNION TOWNSHIP; HUNTERDON COUNTY
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES 2010
John W. Thatcher, Esq., Special Counsel

WHEREAS, the Township of Union has a need to acquire legal services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44-A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the contract may exceed the threshold amount established pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-3(b); and

WHEREAS, funds are available in an appropriation entitled Legal Services and Costs, Other Expenses and have been certified by the local finance officer; and

WHEREAS, John W. Thatcher, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that John W. Thatcher, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Union in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit John W. Thatcher, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-1, et seq.) required that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, Hunterdon County, NJ, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with John W. Thatcher, Esq. of John W. Thatcher, LLC a Professional Corporation, 39 Main Street, Clinton, New Jersey 08809 for legal services for 2010.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because John W. Thatcher, Esq. is an attorney at Law of the State of NJ in good standing and is a person authorized to practice a recognized profession.
3. Approval of the attached contract is subject to availability and appropriation of sufficient funds as may be required in the 2010 temporary/adopted municipal budget(s).
4. A Notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of this municipality.

Date: February 3, 2010

CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq., I, Grace M. Brennan, CFO of the Township of Union, have ascertained that there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriated funds in the 2010 Temporary/Adopted Budget to award a contract to John W. Thatcher, Esq., as appropriated under the line item "Legal".

Date: _____
Grace M. Brennan, CFO

Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to approve the above resolution. Mr. Haynes seconded. Vote: Ayes– Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

d. The following resolution introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2010-34
UNION TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY**

**2010 AWARD OF CONTRACT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR BOND COUNSEL
Anthony J. Pannella, Jr., Esq., Esq.**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING February 3, 2010

of the Firm Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer P.A.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the authorization and issuance of bonds or notes of the Township of Union (the "Township") in the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, including the review of such procedures and the rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community; and

WHEREAS, such special legal services can be provided only by a recognized Bond Counsel firm, and the law firm of WILENTZ GOLDMAN & SPITZER P.A., 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Suite 900, Box 10, Woodbridge, New Jersey, 07095-0958, is so recognized by the financial community; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for Professional Services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union as follows:

1. The law firm of Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, is hereby retained to provide the specialized legal services necessary in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds or notes by the Township of Union in accordance with an Agreement;
2. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE. This contract has been awarded to professional based on the merits and abilities of professional to provide the goods and services as described herein. This contract was not awarded through a "fair and open" process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. As such, the professional does hereby attest that professional, its subsidiaries, assigns or principals controlling in excess of 10% of the company has neither made a contribution, that is reportable pursuant to the Election Law Enforcement commission pursuant to N.J.S.A.19:44A-8 or 19:44A-16, in the one (1) year period preceding the award of the contract that would, pursuant to P.L. 2004, c.19, affect its eligibility to perform this contract, nor will it make a reportable contribution during the term of the contract to any political party committee in the municipality if a member of that political party is serving in an elective public office of that municipality when the contract is awarded, or to any candidate committee of any person serving in an elective public office of that municipality when the contract is awarded.
4. A copy of this Resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township of Union.
5. A notice in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey shall be published in the Hunterdon Democrat.

Date: February 3, 2010

CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq., I, Grace M. Brennan, as Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Union, have ascertained that there are available sufficient uncommitted appropriated funds in the 2010 Temporary/Adopted Budget to award a contract to Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer P.A., as appropriated under the line item "_____".

Date: _____
Grace M. Brennan, CFO

Mr. Mazza made a motion to approve the above resolution. Mr. Haynes seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

- e. **Motion** – Approval of Timmy, Search and Rescue Dog as the new member of the K-9 Unit. Tabled.
- f. **Discussion/Approval** – Purchase of a new Back-up Server for the Township. To be discussed at the budget meeting.
- g. **Pattensburg Rescue Squad** – Letter re: 2010 Budget. Tabled for the next meeting.

NEW ORDINANCE – 1ST Reading – None

REPORTS

Engineer's Report (Mr. Clerico not present for the meeting) – Written report as submitted

Attorney's Report – Mr. Jost reported the following:

- Perryville Rd. guardrail damage – received a check from the insurance company for replacement guardrail and removing the old guardrail. There will be additional charges submitted to the insurance company.
- Sunday Special Committee Meeting - \$2,500 per month for Court Administrator will go to Clinton Township.
- The Tax Collector/Treasurer, Jack Early is retiring effective April 1st.

Motion: Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to approve advertising for the position of Tax Collector of Union Township. Mr. Mazza seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Severino reported the following:

- A request from the Girl Scouts to use the Court Room for one hour on February 17 between 3:45 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. was granted.
- PTA 5K run scheduled for June starting at Finn Road Park. A request for Police assistance should be handled by the PTA. The Township needs an insurance certificate.

Motion: Mr. Mazza made a motion to approve the PTA request to use Finn Park for a 5K run in June, subject to the PTA providing an insurance certificate naming Union Township as additional insured. Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

- Weather permitting, the Mayor will be doing a tour of the building and recycling depot for the Cub Scouts.
- Spoke with Animal Control Officer, Traci Fleming, concerning the purchase of animal food for the stray animals kept at her house until adopted.

Motion: Mr. Mazza made a motion to authorize the Animal Control Officer to purchase dog food from Shoprite, as needed, for the temporary boarding of animals in Union Township. Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Haynes reported the following:

- The trash pickup at the park. Mr. Mazza will discuss with Grace Brennan.
- Spoke with Mr. Baeder from Gano Road about drainage problems. Next week Engineer will take a look at it.

Mrs. Dziubek reported the following:

- Farmland Preservation Plan check list has been completed. There seems to be a conflict of information on the potable water, wastewater and sewer maps.

Motion: Mr. Mazza made a motion to approve purchasing a retirement gift for the Court Administrator, not to exceed \$100. Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

- A letter will be prepared thanking Mrs. Cupon for her years of service.

CLERK’S REPORT

- Raffle License #2010-2 Ducks Unlimited, Inc.; On Premise Merchandise; 03/19/10
- Raffle License #2010-3 Ducks Unlimited, Inc.; On Premise 50/50; 03/19/10

Mr. Haynes made a motion to approve the above Raffle Licenses. Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek.

- 2010 Municipal Clerk’s Conference – March 22-25, 2010

Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to approve the Clerk’s attendance at the 2010 Municipal Clerk’s Conference. Mr. Haynes seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Haynes moved that all claims against the Township of Union as appearing in the Claims Register of this date be paid and that all checks listed hereinafter be issued in payment thereof. Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – the following resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2009-35

Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Union is subject to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act*, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the *Open Public Meetings Act*, N.J.S.A. 10-4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Union to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

1. _____ *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege:* Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters

falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is require in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, assembled in Executive session on February 3, 2010, at 8:47 p.m. in the Union Township Municipal Building, 140 Perryville Road, Hampton, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to adopt the above resolution. Mr. Mazza seconded. Vote: Ayes - Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion Carried.

At 9:06 p.m., Mr. Mazza made a motion to come out of the Executive Session. Mrs. Dziubek seconded. Vote – Ayes: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion Carried.

The following resolution was adopted after the Executive Session:

**RESOLUTION #2010-36
TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Re: Proposed “Bloomsbury Industrial Park”
in Franklin Township, Warren County**

WHEREAS, Frank Greek Development, of East Brunswick, New Jersey has applied to the Franklin Township, Warren County, Planning Board for preliminary major site plan approval, preliminary major subdivision approval and “C” variances to build a 1.44 million square foot truck terminal on Bloomsbury Road (CR 632) in the Township of Franklin, Warren County, New Jersey to be known as “Bloomsbury Industrial Park”; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Industrial Park is proposed to consist of seven new lots containing six warehouses measuring 1.44 million square feet, having 644 parking spaces for tractor trailers and loading docks, 634 parking spaces for automobiles and 167 banked parking spaces, and paved roads and parking lots throughout the 191.76 acres; and

WHEREAS, said truck terminal is proposed to be located on Heritage Farm, a 191.76 acre parcel of farmland known as Lots 5 & 6 in Block 6 located at 436 Bloomsbury Road in Franklin Township, Warren County, owned by Maureen P. Heritage, approximately one-half mile north of NJ Route 173 and I-78; and

WHEREAS, Heritage Farm is located immediately adjacent to the Musconetcong River, a nationally designated Wild and Scenic Waterway and an NJDEP designated Category 1 water body, in the immediate vicinity of preserved farmland and open space in Franklin and Bethlehem Townships, and in the center of the Musconetcong River Valley, one of the most scenic and agriculturally and environmentally important areas in Western New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is stated that this proposed truck terminal will generate approximately 700 to 1,000 truck trips per day in and out of the proposed truck terminal at all hours of the day and night, and this truck traffic would be added to the already existing gridlock of trucks, tractor trailers and other vehicles in the vicinity of the existing Bloomsbury truck stops; and

WHEREAS, the tractor trailers utilizing the proposed truck terminal in Franklin Township, Warren County would come from Port Newark and would be unloaded and redistributed at the proposed trucking facility on a 24 hour per day, 7 day per week basis, and the redistributed truck loads then be bound for Pennsylvania and points east and west via Routes I-78 and I-80, necessitating a significant traffic increase on local roads; and

WHEREAS, this proposed development on the borders of Warren and Hunterdon Counties raises serious concerns regarding its environmental and traffic impacts on surrounding municipalities and the immediate region; and

WHEREAS, Union Township and other municipalities in Hunterdon and Warren Counties have invested millions of dollars in agricultural and open space preservation, and have endeavored to restrain the types of development that are harmful to rural, agricultural and environmentally based zoning, and the above referenced proposed 1.44 million square foot Franklin Township truck terminal flies in the face of all of these municipal and regional efforts; and

WHEREAS, it appears that there has been thus far a notable absence of concern expressed by Franklin Township officials regarding the impacts on Franklin Township and surrounding municipalities which will inevitably be generated by this proposed huge facility, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that this governing body strenuously objects to this proposed project due to the significant regional traffic impact that this proposed massive truck terminal will have on Franklin Township, Warren County and upon Union Township and surrounding municipalities, and calls upon the governing body of Franklin Township to take immediate corrective action to amend the zoning ordinance with regard to the uses and standards permitted in Franklin Township's IP, industrial park zone, to avoid potential adverse impacts upon Franklin Township and surrounding municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body departs from its usual policy of not commenting on proposed developments in municipalities to which Union Township does not directly adjoin, and expresses its grave concern regarding the enormous scale of the proposed project, the tremendous potential adverse environmental impact of the project upon the relatively pristine Musconetcong River Valley and the appearance that the application for this massive development is being "fast tracked" by Franklin Township so as to preclude careful deliberation and consideration of the potential adverse consequences of this truck terminal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body respectfully counsels Franklin Township to also consider the costs to the taxpayers of Franklin Township and adjoining municipalities that will inevitably be generated by this facility, including police, fire and rescue infrastructure that will be needed to deal with the hundreds of additional tractor trailers and automobiles that would utilize this facility on a 24/7 basis, and the significant cost and regional consequences of such a large affordable housing obligation that will result should this project be constructed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Franklin Township Committee, the Franklin Township Planning Board, the governing bodies and planning boards of adjoining and nearby municipalities in Hunterdon and Warren Counties, the Warren County and Hunterdon County Planning Boards, the Warren County Board of Freeholders and the Hunterdon County Board of Freeholders; the Warren County Health Department, the New Jersey Highlands Council, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, the United States National Park Service, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge

Commission, to State Senator Michael Doherty and Assemblyman John DiMaio and Assemblyman Erik Peterson, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to approve, with minor changes, the above resolution. Mr. Mazza seconded. Vote: Ayes – Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time, Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Essig
Administrative Assistant