

2/21/2017 - Minutes

1. SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Chair led all assembled in a Salute to the American flag.

2. STATEMENT

"Pursuant to Section 5, Chapter 231. P.L. 1975 this is to state for the record that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public by posting and maintaining the annual notice of regular meetings on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Building, by mailing the annual notice of regular meeting for 2017 to the News-Record and Star Ledger in December 2016 and by filing said notice in the office of the Township Clerk.

3. ROLL CALL

Mr. Victor De Luca, Ms. Nancy J. Adams, Deputy Chair, Mrs. India Larrier, Mr. Greg Lembrich, Mr. Frank McGehee.

ALSO PRESENT: Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Township Clerk, Joseph Manning, Township Administrator, Roger J. Desiderio, Township Attorney and Sonia Alves-Viveiros, Assistant Township Administrator.

ABSENT: None.

The Township Clerk read the following:

WHEREAS, Chapter 231. P.L. 1975 commonly known as the "Open Public Meeting Act," requires that all meetings of Public Bodies be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.a. provides that the Governing Body has the discretion to permit, prohibit or regulate the active participation of the public at any meeting; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Governing Body to comply with the provisions of this act and at the same time conduct its business in an orderly and expeditious manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood that does hereby prohibit, except as set forth in the formal agenda, active participation in the deliberations of the Governing Body by the public and except as otherwise prescribed by law, does limit the public to observation of the actions and discussions of the Governing Body at all its regular and special meetings.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Larrier, Mr. Lembrich, Mr. McGehee and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: None

4. MAYORS INTRODUCTION

Mayor De Luca, gave a overview of the evening's agenda. The first item of business will be appointments of eight (8) people to various boards and committees. Then there will be a short presentation from the organizers of Maplewoodstock. Mayor De Luca will then be making a couple of comments on the Avalon Bay Housing Development where there was a fire at that location a couple of weeks ago. Then the first public comment session and what the Township Committee is going to ask is that anyone who wants to speak on the leaf blower issue not to come up at that time. There is a place later in the meeting to speak and everyone will be given the opportunity to speak. Then the Township Committee will consider an introduction of a new ordinance and then will get into discussion items.

The first discussion item is the leaf blower and normally the Township Committee does not have people come up and speak, but will be changing the rules so that there if public comment. More discussion items; talking about increasing fees for parking and traffic, the POD ordinance, Rental Registration, Affordable Assisted Living Proposal for Redevelopment, Slave Free Community Project, Coalition Against Bigger Trucks and the 2017 Capital Budget. Then there is the consent agenda and we will be taking off the Affordable Care Act Resolution and voting on that separately. The other items on the consent agenda are approving bills and claims, awarding contract for leaf disposal and approving minutes. The second public comment period, will have administrative reports, reports from elected officials and then will adjourn.

5. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Boards and Committees

Each person introduced themselves and expressed their interest in appointment to their desired committee.

Arts Council

1. Nathalie Farfan - 12/31/2019
2. Susan Greeley - 12/31/2019
3. Leo Vazquez - 12/31/2019

Swimming Pool Committee

1. Gary Jones - 12/31/2019
2. Dharmvir Gehlaut - 12/31/2019

Municipal Alliance

1. Tom Kerns - 12/31/2018
2. Maura Kerns - 12/31/2018

Green Team

1. Leslie Franklin - 12/31/2018

Mrs. Larrier, seconded by Mr. Lembrich, motion to appoint all 8.

Mayor De Luca, asked were there any discussion? None.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Larrier, Mr. Lembrich, Mr. McGehee and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: None

Motion carries.

6. PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY

Presentation to the Governing Body - Maplewoodstock - Maplewoodstock Beer Garden

Drew Dix, Maplewoodstock Co-Coordinator, Prospect Street, Maplewood, and Gary Shippy, Maplewoodstock Co-Coordinator, South Orange, addressed the Governing Body. Mr. Dix stated that they are here tonight once again to request permission of the Township Committee to apply for a temporary liquor license to enable a confined beer garden at Maplewoodstock this year to be held July 8th and 9th, 2017. Maplewoodstock is an annual musical arts festival held in Memorial Park in Maplewood. Maplewoodstock is in its 14th year and this will potentially be the 6th year with a beer and wine garden in place. Mr. Dix and Mr. Shippy are working very closely with a local New Jersey Brewery called Climax Brewery and along with the Maplewoodstock volunteer staff have enlisted volunteers from the South Orange Elks Club to staff and run the beer garden area. Maplewoodstock splits the proceeds with the South Orange Elks Club that the South Orange Elks Club uses for their various community service projects.

Mr. Dix, stated that Maplewoodstock works closely with Chief Cimino, Maplewood Chief of Police, to ensure that Maplewoodstock is meeting the Maplewood Police Departments requirements for security and ID checking and so forth at the Beer and Wine Garden. The proceeds from the beer and wine sales will help finance the overall event and have been instrumental in helping it grow.

Mayor De Luca, stated just so everyone knows that the reason the Township Committee has to give permission is because alcohol is not permitted in a public park.

Ms. Adams, stated that she totally supports Maplewoodstock and that there were a few issues that Ms. Adams had discussed with Mr. Dix and Mr. Shippy on follow-up cleanup and things that happen currently and in the past at Maplewoodstock. Mr. Dix and Mr. Shippy have committed to making sure that certain things including with the beer garden get maintained or put back as closely to the way it was found and with their vendor. Ms. Adams just wants to see this continue as long as possible for many years to come.

Mr. Lembrich, seconded by Mr. McGehee, motion to move that the Township Committee grants its approval for Maplewoodstock to apply for the temporary liquor license. (Social Affair Permit License)

Mayor De Luca, asked were there any discussion?

Mrs. Larrier, stated that true to form it has been Mrs. Larrier's habit in the past to speak about the beer and wine aspect of the event. Mrs. Larrier does support Maplewoodstock and thinks it is a great event and knows that everyone in the Township loves it. Everyone in neighboring townships love it and Mrs. Larrier thinks that the organizers and volunteers of Maplewoodstock do a phenomenal job. Mrs. Larrier, stated that she is still committed to her belief that alcohol does not belong in the Township parks and does not belong at this event where there are so many children; and will be voting no again this year.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mr. Lembrich, Mr. McGehee and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: Mrs. Larrier.

Motion carries.

Mayor De Luca expressed congratulations to the Maplewoodstock Team and then indicated that now we have a SOMA Two Towns for all Ages Coordinator and Program and are trying to be cognizant of events that the Township runs and how older residents might be impacted, and how they might be able to enjoy them. Mayor De Luca, stated that the Township just hired a coordinator for that initiative and she will be coming on board March 1st. Some of the things that the Township is going to ask her to do is alert groups that are holding events just to put a sort of older resident overlay on the Township events and maybe think through things you haven't thought before.

Gary Shippy, Maplewoodstock Co-Coordinator, South Orange, stated that they would love to see a band application from like a octogenarian band of rock, jazz or whatever and would be putting them on stage absolutely.

Mayor De Luca, stated that he was referring to the issue of mobility and getting around at a large event in a park like MaplewoodStock. Encouraging older residents to attend would be good.

7. UPDATE ON AVALON BAY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - BY MAYOR

Mayor De Luca, stated that he wanted to bring everyone up to speed on the Avalon Bay Development and the fire that occurred on February 4th. The Township Committee was disappointed by the fire and have been talking with Avalon Bay and Avalon Bay does intend to rebuild. There is still a significant portion being delt with because of water damage. Avalon Bay is intending to start in March with reframing the parts that burnt. The Township said to Avalon Bay that the Township are not issuing any building permits until the Township gets a fire safety plan and a program that the Township is satisfied with and did meet with Avalon Bay last week. The Township's Chief and Fire Department has had further conversation with Avalon Bay. Some of the highlights that the Township is requiring as Avalon Bay goes forward.

Avalon Bay will be required to have construction fireguards up onsite during the time of non-working hours which is generally 4 pm until 7 am. These fireguards will meet the fire department of New York certification of fitness or be a firefighter from this area. This is actually a fireguard in New York City is a term of art and these fireguards will be the managers during the non-working hours when temporary heat is being utilized and the fireguards will be doing hourly rounds of all the construction areas and will ensure compliance with the established Fire Safety Program. The Fireguards will have no other responsibilities and they will not be security guards and will just be fire watching or fireguards. The Township will require one (1) fireguard for every 50,000 square feet building that gets up. Additionally, anytime that they are doing hot work which means when they are using a open torch or creating sparks they will have to have a plan and have someone watching them and a fireguard during those times also. And 30 minutes after the work is done the fireguard has to inspect the work that was done to make sure that there is nothing that has potential going up in flames. The fire the Prosecutor has not released the cause of the fire yet and the Township does know that there was propane heater's being used on the floors to keep and maintain the heat in the building. The Township will not allow propane heater's going forward and any temporary heating that will be required will be indirect heaters and they will be positions outside the building with ducks running to the facility itself. There will be no more open fires in the buildings and they will all be outside. Again no propane and these heater's are generally kerosene heater's and diesel heater's and the heater's will be monitored by he firewatch and in addition the firewatch will be working through the building watching what goes on there.

Avalon Bay will have to ensure that the Fire Safety System's are installed and all the doors are installed the fire doors and that all the fire doors are kept closed and that is going to be manatory. The Township will not allow Avalon Bay to prop open doors during work and that the Township needs those doors closed because that was some of the problem for the parts that were new is that the fire doors were propped open and because of the workers and that just allows air, fire and water to go through. Additionally, the Avalon Bay is to provide weekly updates on the status of the sprinkler system, stain pipes and the firewalls and any other safety issue that are identified regarding fire department operations.

Mayor De Luca, stated, the Township will be working with Avalon Bay to make sure that Avalon Bay adheres to these requirements. As far as the structure of the building that remained there are engineers now who are evaluating both the structures and residential structures in the garage. The Township has hired a temporary engineer that Avalon has paid for to review Avalon's findings.

Mayor De Luca, stated that this was a sad occurrence and it is an important building that is part of the Township's development plan for Springfield Avenue, its a good anker and the Township wants to see this up. The Township has been told by Avalon Bay that they are going to expedite the building with additional crews working maybe double shifts and have this up and running by the end of the year. Mayor De Luca, stated that if all goes well Avalon Bay will be coming in March for permits and everyone will see the framing going back up sometime in March. Lastly, the Township has three other complexes that are under construction right now and the Township has talked to each of those three (3) developer's and told them that the Township does not want to see propane heater's on their sites and that all three (3) developer's are using building heat or heat from the outside that will be ducted in.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Kerry Gordon, Girard Place, Maplewood, stated that she wanted to speak about the Pipeline issue and

noticed that East Orange was divesting from Wells Fargo in support of the Tribes that are protesting. Ms. Gordon was hoping that Maplewood did their banking through any of the banks or invested in the Depal Pipeline and see if Maplewood Township would consider divesting from Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Chase, PNC and there is a list that Maplewood could find online of all the banks.

Mayor De Luca, stated to Ms. Gordon that the Township has a Finance Committee meeting tomorrow night and will put that on the agenda and have a conversation about it.

Carol Buchanan, 121 Lexington Avenue, Maplewood stated that our neighborhoods have many more people walking their dogs and it is great and it's good for a neighborhood when people are out and about. Also people tend to stop and talk to someone walking a dog so we have the opportunity to meet our neighbors. Ms. Buchanan is here tonight to speak about a disturbing situation in the Hilton neighborhood and one that can happen anywhere in Maplewood. In the last several months there have been four incidents where a resident has been bitten by a neighbor's dog. Several months ago a Hilton resident and a dear friend of Ms. Buchanan was brutally attacked by three pit bulls while she was walking in the Hilton neighborhood. She was actually saved by a passing truck driver and police detectives came to the friends house and quite soon after that the dogs were removed and the three pit bulls plus one other dog were euthanized. Perhaps the Township was able to take immediate action because of the brutality of the bites or the agreement of the owner to give up the dogs; Ms. Buchanan was not sure.

Ms. Buchanan, 121 Lexington Avenue, stated that her friend missed several weeks of work, she went to physical therapy for several months and you can imagine the emotional impact it has had on her. In December a pit bull who had no license or shots caused three dog bites and to one when a dog was even on a leash. Ms. Buchanan was told that a dog cannot be removed from a home if the owner refused to allow it until the situation was brought to court. The owner was convinced to let the dog be removed from the home. Ms. Buchanan is here tonight to ask the Township Committee if it would be possible to establish a fairer procedure that puts the welfare of the dog bite victim ahead of the wishes of the dog owner. Is it possible to pass an ordinance that requires the township to remove the dog from the owners home if unprovoked. Could the dog be kept in St. Hubert's until the situation or court case is settled. Also there are probably other dogs in Maplewood who have not received shots or been licensed as was the case in the second incident. Also a dog should be kept on a leash when walking and should be kept on some sort of restraint if left in the owners backyard. Would it be possible to establish a more stringent procedure for checking that dog owners are aware of and following the laws. In conclusion, Ms. Buchanan hopes that the Health Officer and the Township Committee would be able to devise a plan for this situation that is legal and cost effective. There is no reason why a Maplewood resident should live in fear of a neighboring dog for even one day.

Mayor De Luca, stated to Ms. Buchanan that the Township Committee will bring this matter up at a Board of Health meeting next time. Additionally it was a court order and the Township did go and get the dog and the dog was euthanized. Mayor De Luca, does agree with Ms. Buchanan that there has to be a better procedure.

Gary Jones, 17 Villa Terrace, Maplewood, stated that he attended tonight for the update for the Avalon Bay Housing Development and wanted to speak about it's impact last pool season with all the dust created by the construction. Mr. Jones states that the dust and the noise was unbearable. Mr. Jones is just thinking now as the pool season and the 4th of July is coming up and did note that Avalon Bay stated that they are on a press to get this project done. What about those holiday's and the families on any given day that are celebrating kids parties and the dust coming from the Avalon Bay project is just overwhelming. Mr. Jones asked is it possible to get Avalon Bay's work somewhat restricted and come up with something to maybe place a screen barrier at the construction site where the soot and dust won't blow over to the pool area.

Mayor De Luca, stated to Mr. Jones that the good news is that the site work is already done so Avalon Bay is not going to be moving dirt around and did put up a barrier along the fence. Mayor De Luca stated that the Township will continue to monitor it.

Gary Jones, 17 Villa Terrace, Maplewood, stated regarding the cross-walk near the pool they did get a sign there and also a yield to pedestrians and is it possible to get a new one.

Mayor De Luca, stated no and that the Township put a sign in the road and it lasted two (2) hours. It is so narrow there and it is just so dangerous to put something up in that cross-walk.

One of the things that the Township has been talking with the County about is putting a street light on Pierson and Valley. The Township is looking to have an upcoming meeting with the County on this issue.

Ms. Adams, stated that in the meantime of having that meeting with the County Ms. Adams urges everybody walking along there to use the actual cross-walks that are lighted.

Mr. McGehee, stated that maybe the Township can get a police patrol car over in that area near the school and Golf Island and it is important that if we can't have physical signs that the parents and PTA help out with the crossing of children.

Mrs. Larrier, stated that she would not have a problem with asking police capital and would have a problem with the PTA trying to cross students there as they are not trained crossers and unless they are going to walk kids to a lighted intersection Mrs. Larrier thinks it would be foolish to ask untrained parents to cross children. Mrs. Larrier does not think that would be a good idea.

Dominique Mazza, Owner of Mazza Mulch, Inc., stated that they had recently bid for the Township of Maplewood for 2017 Hauling and Disposal of Leaves. There was a letter sent by Mr. Mazza's attorney to Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney and to Mr. Joseph Manning, Township Administrator.

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated to Mayor De Luca that he did receive that letter and it was sent very late this afternoon, actually did not see it all. It arrived at Mr. Desiderio's office after he had left for the day to come to tonight's meeting. Mr. Manning, Township Administrator was able to get it on his telephone and had read it to Mr. Desiderio and that was the first the Township heard from Mr. Mazza's Attorney.

Mayor De Luca, stated that the Township has a resolution to award to another firm.

Dominique Mazza, Owner of Mazza Mulch, Inc., stated that basically Mazza Mulch's intent was that they were originally awarded the contract and Rontondi Inc., challenged it and said that Mazza could not exceed 700 cubic yards of debris in a day per the DP permit that Mazza provided in the bid. The bid did ask for a copy of the NJDP license facility and Mazza provided their own permit. Mazza's permit does not permit them to exceed 700 cubic yards in a day but had the bid required Mazza to provide other permits of other facilities Mazza would have provided them. It was not a requirement of the bid to provide permits to meet 700 cubic yards. This contract is a contract that Mr. Mazza's firm can handle.

Mayor De Luca, stated that the Township has to be guided by the Township Attorney because there is a resolution later on tonight.

Dominique Mazza, Owner of Mazza Mulch, Inc., stated that he is going to ask the Township Committee tonight to consider postponing any action.

Jeanette Page-Hawkins, Director of Family Assistance and Benefits and Essex County Liaison to the Township of Maplewood, stated that she wanted some clarity for what intersection was the Township Committee talking about?

Mayor De Luca, stated it was Pierson Road and Valley Street.

Jeanette Page-Hawkins, Director of Family Assistance and Benefits and Essex County Liaison, stated that she will wait for a contact to schedule that meeting.

Mayor De Luca, stated to Ms. Page-Hawkins that the Township Engineer sent an email out last week regarding setting up a meeting.

Jeanette Page-Hawkins, Director of Family Assistance and Benefits and Essex County Liaison, stated if Mayor De Luca could cc her on those correspondences. Ms. Page-Hawkins, also wanting to extend an invitation to the State of the County Address which is going to be given next Monday, February 27th at 7 pm at the Hospital Center in Cedar Grove - 204 Grove Avenue, Cedar Grove. There you will hear about all the accomplishments of the County for 2016.

Mayor De Luca, stated seeing no one further, closed the first public comment session.

9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCE

The Township Clerk ready by title.

VD/IL INTRODUCTION OF NEW
ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2848-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD ENTITLED "Administration of Government"

"Interpretive Statement"

(This ordinance will revise the table of organization of the Maplewood Police Department.

Mayor De Luca, seconded by Mrs. Larrier, move the passage of this ordinance on first reading its publication according to law in the Maplewood/South Orange News-Record and a hearing to be held on March 7, 2017.

Mayor De Luca, asked were there any discussion stating this is a proposal to increase the table of organization in the Maplewood Police Department adding an additional Captain, up to a third captain.

Mr. Lembrich, stated that he wanted to thank Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, for being here tonight and for a very thorough response to the questions that Mr. Lembrich put forward at the last meeting including Chief Cimino's review and analysis with respect to the South Orange Police Department study from about 5 years ago. Mr. Lembrich has a few follow-up questions to ask Chief Cimino, Chief of Police. One of the points that Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, made in response to Mr. Lembrich's question in the submission Chief Cimino made to the Township Committee had to do with the comparative population of the two towns and that Maplewood has a larger permanent population. The question is not included in the roughly 16,000 people in South Orange for population purposes is the fact that for 7, 8 or 9 months of the year South Orange 9 to 10 thousand students on campus at Seton Hall University which takes South Orange's population up to Maplewood's population and is higher during the months; which is the majority of the year. Mr. Lembrich is wondering to what extent does that impact have on police services and might that serve to make the difference in population not as great as looking at the census numbers that might indicate?

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated to Mr. Lembrich that it is somewhat difficult to say without fully knowing how South Orange may control that campus but what Chief Cimino could look at based upon the number of calls for service that South Orange generates which are different then the calls for service measure that the Maplewood Police Department uses and the only thing that Chief Cimino can say to that is the campus itself is handled by their own security and he is not aware of what level of demand that places on the South Orange Police Department.

Mr. Lembrich, stated to follow-up because Chief Cimino mentioned calls for service the different metric perhaps the two departments use and was wondering in the statistics Chief Cimino provided talked about calls for service in Maplewood and talked about Police activities or officers assignments. Chief Cimino talked about giving statistics to police activities and other times officers assignments and other times calls for service and just wondering if those are synonyms or if there is a distinction between those two.

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated that in South Orange they refer to calls for service and Maplewood Police department does not use that same measurement because the Maplewood CAD system measures police activity or events. An event would be anything involving a police action and that can be an officer assigned to a school post, an officer responding to an alarm call, an officer at DARE class. The full range of police activities are captured in the Maplewood Police Departments system. Chief Ciminio, Chief of Police, stated that he was not aware of the method the South Orange Police Department uses in their calls for service measurement and that would be the difference that Chief Ciminio, Chief of Police could explain to Mr. Lembrich. Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated he did not know if the South Orange Police Department's coding exactly equates to Maplewood Police Department in terms of the basic calls for service and that we all measure crime and that is through the crime reports which is a standard measure. The way that calls for service are measured in South Orange Police Department could be different then what would be considered the call for service in Maplewood. Additionally what the Maplewood Police Department does is go through a proactive where the Maplewood officer's are assigned to special areas of the town to proactively attempt to suppress crime or do traffic enforcement and is unsure if South Orange Department documents all of their activities in the same way.

Mr. Lembrich, stated so when we say that the Maplewood Police Department had 60,000 police activities and in 2011 South Orange Police had 12,400 calls for service and its not really 60,000 versus 12,000 of the same thing its just that the Maplewood Police Department uses different metrics and measures, and there isn't a way to compare.

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated that Maplewood Police Department documents more things for activity.

Mr. Lembrich, stated that in Chief Cimino's response he mentioned accreditation through the New Jersey State Association on Commission of Accreditation of Law Enforcement and is wondering if Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, might explain the difference this makes for the departments and in particular how it might impact personnel needs?

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated that the accreditation process requires more documentation than what the Maplewood Police Department formerly has done as an agency. There are a specific 110 different standards that are established as best practices Statewide that were developed.

Mr. Lembrich asked Chief Cimino, Chief of Police to summarize what benefit does Maplewood get from the Township's Police Department being accredited by these associations?

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated that the Maplewood Police Department receives a discount in the Police Departments JIF (Joint Insurance Fund) as that is a part of the Best Practices.

Mr. Lembrich, stated that one of the current two Captains spends a significant portion of time dealing with Internal Affairs matters. South Orange used to handle their IA affairs at the Captains level. When South Orange reduced their Police Department Table of Organization from two captains to one Captain IA matters are now handled at the Lieutenant rank. Mr. Lembrich asked if Maplewood Police Department doesn't have the third captain do you think from the perspective of the leader of the Maplewood Police Departments would it be possible to shift some or all of the Internal Affairs duties from the Captain's level to the Lieutenant level and if not why not?

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated that the ability to shift some of the work is a possibility but it is actually done to some extent now. More than not, the higher rank of officer is needed for IA investigations such as a Captain.

Mr. Lembrich, stated in terms of timing 6 months from now verses a year from now what is it that makes the third captain's position a time sensitive issue beyond the fact that if it is needed, it is needed sooner rather than later?

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police stated that currently the Maplewood Police Department has illness issues that are pending and unfortunately that number seems to be growing and other leave issues that makes this time sensitive. This is also the onset of the institution of the Body Camera Program and because it is new

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, feels that the Maplewood Police Department is in need of more intense supervision while this is ongoing, mistakes happen, retraining must happen and redone in some cases because of the new program. Many States are rolling out similiar programs and the Maplewood Police Department needs to do what needs to be done to the best result possible. Chief Cimino, Chief of Police added that is why he thinks it is so important that the Maplewood Police Department have this done as soon as possible.

Mr. Lembrich, stated if the Township Committee were to just create the third Captain and sort of do back filling at each level so a lieutenant goes to captain, and sergenant goes to lieutenant, and then hire a new patrolmen or patrolwoman. If the Township Committee were to just create the third captain and not do the backfill or at least all of the backfill which means that the Township wouldn't hire the new patrolmen or patrolwoman what would Chief Cimino's reaction be to that and would the Township still be able to accomplish the work the Maplewood Police Department does out on the streets of the community.

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated that they have a 38 officer patrol division and those officers are deployed based upon the variety and needs that are presented daily, weekly and monthly as the Police Department sees the crime rate and service needs evolve. Should the Captain be made and the backfill not occur there will certainly be 37 patrol officer's there and there will be certain times when certain assignments would either be filled by overtime or they will not be done.

Mr. Lembrich, stated having a chance now to review the South Orange study done by ICMA a few years ago does Chief Cimino, Chief of Police think that doing such a study in Maplewood would be useful if so why and if not why not?

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated that he thinks it is always worthwhile to review an organization's operation.

Mayor De Luca, stated that if the Township Committee were to do it (add a Captain) there are some savings now because the promotion list are still active?

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated yes.

Mayor De Luca, stated that if the Township Committee goes beyond that deadline which is April then in order to fill these positions is the promotion the Township will have to issue a test? And do interviews and all that?

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated correct.

Mayor De Luca, stated what would be the cost of something like that roughly?

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated that somewhere in the area of \$15,000.00 as well as the time lag that would be created by that.

Ms. Adams asked wouldn't that take place anyway if we are going to test lieutenants who are able to or qualify to take captains exams; wouldn't that cost happen anyway down the road?

Mayor De Luca added that there is a Lieutenant in line and they don't need to take test.

Mr. McGehee, asked the cost of \$15,000.00 the Township would incur if the Township actually blew by the due date that's including all people taking the test?

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated that he was not entirely sure but probably somewhere and that it depends on the number of people that you are testing and is not an exact multiplier like in thirds it could be \$10,000.00 and just making an estimate because Chief Cimino does not have the numbers in front of him.

Ms. Adams, stated that her biggest issue is the long term impact of adding a Captain position and noticed

with other things in Ms. Adams brief term as a Governing Official that once you put something in place it is much harder to take it away. Ms. Adams worries about a long term standing structural change that is going to go forward year after year as a budgetary consideration and not sure that it is warranted now. The crime stats are down and Ms. Adams' feels that the illness issue will always come and go.

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated because he believes in the table of organization and that there should be three (3) Captains.

Mrs. Larrier, first thought no then having talked more there is a need and she tends to think possibly that this could be something the Township Committee should consider and now that the Township has its pedestrian safety initiative the Township will be asking more of the street level officer's. Those officers need that Captain's oversight to be sure all the jobs are being done. Mrs. Larrier stated that she has been swayed by this and would like to appoint a third Captain.

Mr. McGehee asked of Chief Cimino; is this a need for additional leadership or additional personnel?

Chief Cimino, Chief of Police, stated it is not impossible for you as the members of the Township Committee to make the Captain and then evaluate what the Police Department does from there in terms of the impact that may occur at the patrol level. Chief Cimino's request is for the captain and the complete backfill of the positions.

The Ordinance failed on introduction on a call of ayes and nays as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Larrier, Mayor De Luca.

Nays: Ms. Adams, Mr. Lembrich and Mr. McGehee.

Ordinance 2848-17 failed by a vote of 3 - 2.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Leaf Blower Ban/NA

Ms. Adams, stated that the recommendations from the report of the Sub-Committee was an annual ban on gas not electric commercial leaf blowers from May 15th to October 15th and this would lift the current 65 decimal restrictions by simply banning all blowers during the summer then all decimal blowers are permitted for spring clean up and fall. Restrict the number of commercial blowers being used at one time on any one piece of property. The recommendation was the maximum of two blowers at a time, more restrictive hours of operation of commercial leaf blowers Monday thru Friday from 8 am until 6 pm, Saturday's 9 am to 5 pm and no permitted hours on Sunday. Leaves should not be left for more than 7 days before regular DPW pick up on the street, require workers to wear safety equipment for both hearing and breathing.

Ms. Adams, stated increase fines dramatically, the suggested minimal of \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 for first offense, no ban on residents initial use of leaf blowers including not banning residents on Sunday's but outside the hours of the regular hours of operation. For residents no ban on electric or regular leaf blowers and the request for more regular comprehensive educational information distributed to the public on a regular bases by the Green Team and the Environmental Commission.

Mayor De Luca, asked if anyone wanted to address the Township Committee on the matter of leaf blower ban.

Tom Casternovia, Executive Editor Publisher Gardner News, stated that it is New Jersey's largest agricultural landscaping news and also was on New12 for 6 1/2 for backyard gardener and owned a landscaping company for New Jersey for 25 years. Mr. Casternovia, stated that it was understanding that the Township was looking at banning leaf blowers and has presented each of the Township Committee

members with photos and when Mr. Casternovia was in business his concern was cleaning the roadway. And by eliminating leaf blower's Mr. Casternovia would have to put his people in the street with a broom to sweep up the grass that would be on the curb and the roadway. Now with putting someone in the street with the broom you have to put someone also in the street with a shovel so tha someone can sweep that grass up off the street into a shovel. And you would need to put a third person in the street to watch the other two people so they won't get hit by a car and is concern a little bit about traffic safety whereas if someone had a leaf blower someone could clean up that roadway in 20 or 25 seconds and eliminate the excess amount of time it would take with a broom or a shovel and someone doing traffic for somebody to get hit.

Mr. Casternovia, stated that his second concern would be electric leaf blowers how many homes have electrical outlets in the front of their houses and how much extension cord would contractors have to carry on their trucks to affectively use an electric leaf blower or short of installing a generator on the back of their truck or on their trailer to power that electric leaf blower. One thing that Mr. Casternovia does when it snows 1, 2, 3 inches of snow can clear his steps and walk way so much faster with a back pack blower. Mr. Casternovia would worry about apartment complexes with the shoveling out walk ways and faster they can clear that walkway out after it snows with a back pack blower.

Mayor De Luca, stated to Mr. Casternovia that this a summer ban not winter.

Jonathan Trenk, A & J Landscape Design, stated that the important issues is that the Township wants to restrict the leaf blowers in the spring and fall to only two machines. Mr. Trink stated that he works on a larger residential property in Maplewood 15 Tower Drive and it is 1.5 acres and it took Mr. Trink 6 hours with employees to do clean up on that home. And basically to cut that down to send two employees their would take 2 1/2 days and looking at it from a man hour perspective. Each year it becomes faster and faster for Mr. Trink's company and charged less money for the fall clean up then he did last year.

Mr. Trink, stated that because his equipment is getting the job done faster and that there needs to consideration for the lot size of a residents home. The Township is affecting Mr. Trink's living hood and to say that a person can only use two employees when they 5 or 6 employees is not fair. Mr. Trink, stated that he is going to pull out of the Maplewood Township.

Lori Johnson, Executive Director of the NJ Nursery & Landscape Association, stated thanked the Township Committee for the opportunity tonight. Ms. Johnson stated, as a representative of the landscape community and are respectively requesting that the Township consider a alternate solution to the Township's proposed leaf blower restrictions and please consider their presence today as their offer to assist the Township with that and do thank the Township for the research that the Township has done and the opportunities the Township has provided in the past for commentary by Landscapes Professional. Ms. Johnson was at the Township back in October and do appreciate the Township Committee members taking the opportunity to listen to the landscapers and that Ms. Johnson also did some research on other places that have banned leaf blowers.

Jane Conrad, 35 Roosevelt Road, Maplewood, thanked the Township Committee for their very thorough research and discussion and for sticking with this issue and would urge the Township Committee to adopt the amendments that are suggested. Ms. Conrad looks forward after 13 or 14 years to some relief from Maplewood residents from the noise and the dust of leaf blowers. Ms. Conrad is particularly glad that the ban is being spoken about as extending from May 15th to October 15th.

Nelson Lee, Represents the New Jersey Landscaping Contractor's Association/New Jersey Nursey Landscape Association/New Jersey Pest Management Association/Irrigation Association of New Jersey/Commerce & Industry Association of New Jersey/Fought New Jersey Farmer's Buearu and Golf Course Superintendent Association of New Jersey, stated that all of these people have signed on to help the Associations to resolve issues that the leaf blowers are having with the Township wanting to restrict for them and try to come up with a resolution to negotiate some terms. Mr. Lee believes that the restrictions he needs clarifications on based on what was just read. One is the ban based on two stroke engines or four stroke engines or leaf blowers?

Ms. Adams, stated to Mr. Lee that it is mostly determined by most of the offensive equipment is the two stroke engine and is very few of the four stroke engines which are the larger push blowers. And right now it is for all gas power leaf blowers and that would include those.

Nelson Lee, Represents the New Jersey Landscaping Contractor's Association/New Jersey Nursey Landscape Association/New Jersey Pest Management Association/Irrigation Association of New Jersey/Commerce & Industry Association of New Jersey/Fought New Jersey Farmer's Buearu and Golf Course Superintendent Association of New Jersey, stated would it be only restricting landscaping contractor's or would be restricting all contractor's?

Ms. Adams, stated to Mr. Lee all commercial users of this and other than residents yes gutter cleaners and all the ones Mr. Lee listed.

Nelson Lee, Represents the New Jersey Landscaping Contractor's Association/New Jersey Nursey Landscape Association/New Jersey Pest Management Association/Irrigation Association of New Jersey/Commerce & Industry Association of New Jersey/Fought New Jersey Farmer's Buearu and Golf Course Superintendent Association of New Jersey, stated so it is for anybody that would need these tools in order to conduct business in Maplewood would be restricted from using them?

Mr. Lembrich, stated anyone who thinks to use these tools to conduct in Maplewood yes.

Nelson Lee, Represents the New Jersey Landscaping Contractor's Association/New Jersey Nursey Landscape Association/New Jersey Pest Management Association/Irrigation Association of New Jersey/Commerce & Industry Association of New Jersey/Fought New Jersey Farmer's Buearu and Golf Course Superintendent Association of New Jersey, stated one of the things that Mr. Lee thinks would help instead of restricting the use of them all together would actually be maybe instead of having the timeframe from May 15th until October 15th and that this could be a compromise would be from Memorial Day until Labor Day. Mr. Lee, stated if the timeframe could be loosen up a little bit for the restrictions to begin that would be helpful.

Ms. Adams, stated that the pilot program for last summer ran from June 1st to September 1st and the reason for the expansion and as the sub-committee discussed it at length was that there was no other than the spring cleaning-up and the fall leaf dropping season which is now getting later and later and that there was no need for them for September. Ms. Adams, stated that everyone should give the Township Committee their pitch because the Township Committee members have not discussed their exact paraimeters.

Nelson Lee, Represents the New Jersey Landscaping Contractor's Association/New Jersey Nursey Landscape Association/New Jersey Pest Management Association/Irrigation Association of New Jersey/Commerce & Industry Association of New Jersey/Fought New Jersey Farmer's Buearu and Golf Course Superintendent Association of New Jersey, stated, unfortunately, Mr. Lee's professional opinion and based on a timeframe that Ms. Adams has and especially in the spring time have a lot of rain and there is a lot of grass that grows very fast and is much more difficult to be able to clean the areas that are really need to be cleaned with a broom because of the leaves being wet.

Mayor De Luca, stated that he just wanted to be clear that if the Township were to have a ban Mr. Lee would say that the ban should be between Memorial Day and Labor Day and is conseeding on the ban?

Nelson Lee, Represents the New Jersey Landscaping Contractor's Association/New Jersey Nursey Landscape Association/New Jersey Pest Management Association/Irrigation Association of New Jersey/Commerce & Industry Association of New Jersey/Fought New Jersey Farmer's Buearu and Golf Course Superintendent Association of New Jersey, stated to Mayor De Luca that Mr. Lee was not conseeding on the ban and that it is one solution. One other solution that Mr. Lee would like to offer is to utilize electric blowers just isn't feesible in their business right now and the use of battery operated ones especially are definitely not feesible only because they have not perfected the life of the batteries in order for the leaf blowers to utilized them for a period of time.

Mayor De Luca, stated what would be the harm to allow it because for those landscapers that can use it.

Nelson Lee, Represents the New Jersey Landscaping Contractor's Association/New Jersey Nursey Landscape Association/New Jersey Pest Management Association/Irrigation Association of New Jersey/Commerce & Industry Association of New Jersey/Fought New Jersey Farmer's Buearu and Golf Course Superintendent Association of New Jersey, stated the Township does offer one good thing in the proposal but the fact that the Township is not allowing the leaf blowers to use any gas power blowers whatsoever at any of those times to Mr. Lee is extremely restictive. If the Township is able to allow to use one back pack blower to utilize to each property Mr. Lee thinks that would help a lot. This is going to affect what the DPW does and what DPW's allowances are because they are limited also.

Mr. Lembrich, stated to Mr. Lee that he is much more sympathetic to that argument than the summer argument and thinks that is something that all at least the consideration in this discussion and does recognize is that the equipment is much more necessary during those limited times of the year and limiting it to two pieces of equipment at one time or one piece of equipment and maybe that it causes as many problems as it solves. When it comes to a lower decimal of the leaf blower or limiting to less than full throttle does Mr. Lee have any suggestions for the Township Committee in terms of how the Township Committee can affectively enforce that or is that just not something the Township Committee can enforce other than relying on the good conscience of the landscaper's.

Nelson Lee, Represents the New Jersey Landscaping Contractor's Association/New Jersey Nursey Landscape Association/New Jersey Pest Management Association/Irrigation Association of New Jersey/Commerce & Industry Association of New Jersey/Fought New Jersey Farmer's Buearu and Golf Course Superintendent Association of New Jersey, stated that it seems that the Township Committee already went down that road and kind of answering your own question. And thinks that during the restriction period if the Township Committee limits the type of equipment to use other than an electric if the Township were to utilize a handheld, gas powered two stroke blower that would limit the decimals because it is not as powerful as the ones that the leaf blowers put on their backs and that maybe an alternative for Council to think about as oppose to just utilizing a battery powered blower to maybe go to a handheld portable blower.

Jonathan Poor, 35 Roosevelt Road, Maplewood, state that it is just two things compromise and externalities and there is a lot talk about the economic impact and benefits for the companies that use them the homeowner's that employe those companies but we have not mentioned that there are costs to the use of the blower to other residents. The whole reason for this movement is because of the noise and dust doesn't stay in the lot of the owner that was employing the service. Not being able to enjoy your property, people working more, working at home and that being said compromise. Mr. Poor thinks that this completely able to regulate these machines and the use of the blowers increase in these heavy periods in the fall leaf clean-up and in a way the summer ban is the compromise. Mr. Poor would like to see them ban 12 months out of the year.

William J. Steinbrun, 141 Jacoby Street, Maplewood, stated that he is here tonight in support of the leaf blower ban. Its not just about noise and it goes a lot deeper than that and there has been a lot of studies done scientific studies, enviromental studies, health studies that clearly show the detrimental impact on people. Children, elderly and everyone, pets the environment of the use of leaf blowers and it not jus leaves that are blowing around it could feces, pesticides and could be a number of things. There are partial bans all around the Country on leaf blowers and its all based on data and its data that was collected from scientific data, enironmental data, health and different studies were done by various health organizations like the EPA and it all supports detrimental impacts of leaf blowers on people, pets and the environment. Mr. Steinbrun does understand that the Township may not want a permanent ban but does support and urge the Township Committee based upon the data was presented by Deputy Mayor Adams and the data from the Sub-Committee to seriously look at this and ban the leaf blowers. Mr. Steinbrun thinks that this is the right thing to do and no that its the right thing to do for people's health and for the environment.

Tom Vanezia, Spingfield, stated he was at the sub-committee meeting and thought that it was a very positive meeting and got a lot accomplished. Mr. Vanezia had a suggestion to increase the fines so that it can keep people from doing it and to also compromise. Mr. Vanezia, stated that before the Township Committee goes and vote he would really appreciate a sit down so that we can sit there and hash out the

finer points. Mr. Vanezia stated that he is not saying that he not totally again what the Township Committee has done thinks that what the Township Committee has done is pretty close to good and would really like a little bit of a say or maybe even tweaking it a little bit and allow the leaf blower companies to tweak it with the Township Committee.

Keri Gordon, Girard Place, Maplewood, stated that she just wanted to encourage people consider ecological options and would prefer the leaf blower ban to include homeowers as well and appreciate the extension.

Jeff Carpenter, Landscaper, stated that he has been in landscaping since 1974 long before the invention of the back pack blower. Mr. Carpenter, stated the proposed limit of the blower use in the fall and when the reality of that hits residents of Maplewood and see that the cost of their fall leaf service could double or triple in some cases. The landscapers provide a definite benefit to Maplewood's DPW because the landscapers can put the leaves out so that DPW can come and clean it up whether the Township is bagging for them or if the landscaper is sucking the leaves up with leaf vacuum if the landscaper's cannot get them out as efficiently then that is going to prolong the leaf season and which could potentially make the Maplewood DPW have to work harder. The landscapers are mandated by the DEP clean up after pesticide applications and if the landscaper's are forced during the summer months to use a broom the landscaper's are really not going to be able to clean up as efficiently.

Richard Goldstein, Vice President of the New Jersey Landscaping Contractor's Association, stated that something that was really stood out to Mr. Goldstein before hard which was pretty hard and heavy was when the Township was interviewing a Chief for a position of Captain and what resigned through Mr. Goldstein's mind the whole entire time was how the Board was very careful to not vote for something that could potentially last forever. Once something is voted on that was brought on by the Township's own members that changing something that is voted on is generally very difficult to do. All Mr. Goldstein is saying to the Township Committee is the landscapers are here tonight to try and help make a solution and the best resolution is that we all walk away not happy the people who are for the ban and the people who are not for the ban and that is the best resolution of all.

Richard Goldstein, Vice President of the New Jersey Landscaping Contractor's Association, stated that the Township Committee should look at this hard and heavy and really think about how the Township is going to pass this ban and how it is going to affect everybody and not just the contractors who do this for a living. Mr. Goldstein, stated to the Board tonight is that the landscaper's are here to work with the Township Committee and hopefully come up with a little bit better resolution that is going to work for all parties and put something in place that from a year from now everyone does not have to sit hear and say we should have done this or we should have said the same thing. Mr. Goldstein hopes that the Township Committee sits down with the landscapers before the Township Committee passes some kind of law.

Charlie, P&P Lawnmowers Repair Stop, 1970 Springfield Avenue, Maplewood, stated that he has been in Maplewood for many years and has always been doing that job. From the very beginning with the 65 decibal blowers which it did not work because of people didn't listen. Charlie agree to slap their hands, find a way to fine them, penalize them it's very easy for the Township to make their money back for hiring the person to go around, slap their hands and give it a chance. Charlie does not think that better landscaper's would not mind and that they are going to go by the 65 decibals will work for the summer months.

Joe Zazuro, landscaper, stated that he agrees with Charlie, P&P Lawnmowers Repair Shop, Maplewood on a 67 decibal it could work and Ms. Adams stated that there were not enough people last year to police the landscaper's and Mr. Zazuro, stated that there were plenty of people policing the landscaper who were not using them and so the Township did have the man power. The Township wants to increase the ban fine to \$500,000.00 why don't do that with the decibals a person uses them make it a \$1,000.00 fine. And as far as the couple weeks the Township wants to add to ban from last year the landscaper's still do clean-ups in May right til the end. In October the Township has trees that start shedding late September and they are done by the end of October and like a Ash Tree they leave a mess. What the Township is adding on both ends is really going to hurt on top of what the landscaper's went through last year. Mr. Zazuro, stated hopefully the Township Committee will take what he just mentioned in consideration and come with some type of compromise.

Travis Parone, Brightview Landscaping Service former Brickman, stated that they are a nationwide company and does service in all 50 states in the US. It is another tool in the companies toolbox that they need to do their job. Just like you were to take guns away from our cops they wouldn't be cops any more. Taking a computer away from an accountant he won't be accountant any more because that accountant would need that computer to do his job. We need blower's do our jobs and the Township Committee has a job to support thier family and all we the landscaper's are doing is supporting our families. And taking a tool away from the landscaper's is one going to hurt the landscaper's families because the prices are going to go up and no one is going to want the service any more. Two its going to put a hardship on everyone and the Township is going to start losing business in town.

Michael Givinney, Givinney's Landscaping, stated that he concurs with most of the parties who came before Mr. Givinney and most importantly was the pesticide clean-up because we do have to clean-up any residue of pesticide. In the maintenance relm during the summer months, June thru October is when the landscaper's do the bulk of the landscaper's pruning and trimming work. Mr. Givinney stated that he had not heard and which is very difficult to clean or manage with a rake in a mulch bed or on a turf, therefore, a blower who would be quite necessary to use for those instances. Mr. Givinney states does he need a large decimal blower to do it no and that Mr. Givinney has registered with the City of Maplewood every year, and registers Mr. Givinney's low decimal blower with the City every year and Mr. Givinney's Landscaping Company is that 5 percent that does comply. Mr. Givinney would like to continue even though Mr. Givinney is not a fan of the 65 decimal blower but will use it during the summer months because the blower does what it needs to do. Outside of the maintenance the landscapers do a bit of construction and if they are doing a renovation and doing some clearing of the land the landscaper's are going to need possibly to use a blower to help the landscaper's in that aspect of that construction phase of the landscape. And if the landscapers can't use it then the Township Committee is not allowing the landscaper's really to officially to do a quality product when someone is paying a pretty premium for a quality product.

Tom Casternovia, Gardner News, stated that he wanted to touch on a subject that was tabo to a lot of people is the application of fertilizer's and pesticides. Mr. Caternovia, stated that he did not know if the Township Committee is aware of how like a pre-amergernt crab grass control works. When you apply a pre-mergernt crab grass control in the spring time which is usually applied when the soil temperature hits 55 to 60 degrees. What the pre-mergernt crab grass control does is it forms a invisable barrier in the soil and the invisual barrier prohibits the crab grass from germinating through the soil and that invisable barrier stays on the soil. There is also a State fertilizer license that everyone applies a fertilizer in New Jersey or pesticides in New Jersey and it states right in the New Jersey license that you can use or should use a blower to clean up any type of over application that is done such as sidewalks, driveways or the curb line and prohibit anything from washing down into a storm sewer. The State Legislature has mandated that into State law which came into affect two years ago. Mr. Casternovia's suggestion is an alternative that if the Township Committee is going to put up a leaf blower ban and in place maybe there could be an exemption that if you are applying any type of fertilizers or pesticides onto a property and in order to clean up that properly that you can use a blower at half the rate to clean up the curb, clean up the driveway, clean up the sidewalk so no residue ends up in our water system.

Tom Venezia, Springfield, stated is this it for tonight?

Mayor De Luca, stated no.

Mr. Lembrich, stated to Mr. Venezia that the Township has not even proposed an ordinance yet.

Tom Venezia, Springfield, stated that it was only tonight.

Mr. Lembrich, stated to Mr. Venezia, that it is on for discussion and the process is an ordinance will be proposed at some point maybe the next meeting or some future meeting, and at that point the ordinance is published for notification then there is a first reading of the ordinance, and then if it passes at that point it can go to a second reading where there will be another public hearing and that is where it will be voted on. Mr. Lembrich, stated that they were talking a minimum of two more meetings.

Tom Venezia, Springfield, stated that his point was as Mr. Venezia mentioned before as far as interaction

with the landscaper's and the Township Committee as far as fashioning an ordinance that works for both the landscaper's and the Township Committee and are we all going to have the ability to do that, will the Township Committee reach out to the landscaper's and say okay listen the Township Committee needs more input and we need to tweek this or tweek that or we are close to wanting to do this or do that or it just a matter of the landscapers go back to their benches.

Mr. Lembrich, stated that communication is a two way street and the township is here and their email addresses are public where they are easily found.

Tom Venezia, Springfield, asked if the Township Committee wanted a formal proposal?

Ms. Adams, stated that if Mr. Venezia does do a formal proposal and the one thing that Ms. Adams has not heard from anybody opposed to the ban is how to address the environmental or even a desire to address the health and environmental issues that are well documented, well studied and well researched on these two stroke engines that are not even allowed on motorcycles since 1991 because they don't pass the emission standards and not just for residents but for the worker's using them and Ms. Adams is not hearing that tonight. Mr. Adams, stated that if Mr. Venezia wants to give counter proposals Ms. Adams would like that to be part of what Mr. Venezia addresses.

Mayor De Luca, stated that four of the five of the Township Committee last year voted for the ban and thinks that it is reasonable to assume that there will be at least an majority of the five of the Township Committee there tonight that will do some kind of ban going forward. And for anyone to come to town hall tonight and say not to do a ban. Mr. Lee is giving the township committee some parameter's Memorial Day to Labor Day and the Township has a different timeframe and other people have suggested and tinkering with the before date and the after date and so the Township Committee has a lot to think about and the Township has not had that conversation yet. And have not had the conversation about any limitation on backpacks prior to May 15th or after October 15th. There has not been a conversation yet about whether this applies to landscaper's or everybody else including paver's, tree people, gutter people, the golf course and that the Township hasn't had any of those conversation yet. Mayor De Luca, stated that he was going to assure Mr. Venezia at the end of the day there will be some kind of limitation on the use of leaf blowers in town.

Joe Zuzuro, asked where are the email addresses for the Township Committee?

Ms. Adams, stated that the Township Committee members email addresses are on the Township website.

John Trenk, A & J Landscape Design, stated that he feels that if the Township limit the use of one blower on your extra time that you use last year and thinks that is a fare compromise and thinks October is to late to allow the landscapers to use the full blower's force for the fall.

Rich Steelen, R & B Landscaping Company, Clark, stated that if the Township tells the landscaper's no leaf blower's who's going to enforce that, the Police?

Mr. Lembrich, stated to Mr. Steelen, that enforcement is one of the issues that the Township has.

Mayor De Luca, stated that the same people that did it last year the Code Enforcement Department.

Rich Steelen, R & B Landscaping Company, Clark, stated that he heard there was talk about at the beginning of the meeting about the safety equipment that the Township is going to be requiring while doing the work is that going to be all year?

Ms. Adams, stated that the Township Committee hasn't talked about it yet what Ms. Adams believe would be from a work condition for workers who are using these things who are not wearing protective gear to protect thier ears or their breathing and Ms. Adams find this as a problematic and irresponsible.

Rich Steelen, R & B Landscaping Company, Clark, stated that the problem Mr. Steelen has is if he supplies his employees with the proper equipment and they don't use it are they the ones who will be

getting the fine the \$500.00 to \$1000.00?

Mayor De Luca, stated that is a good question.

Ms. Adams, stated that it has not been hashed out yet.

Rich Steelen, R & B Landscaping Company, Clark, stated that if he is on-site that he should take responsibility if Mr. Steelen is on-site. Mr. Steelen, also stated it was mentioned to him that something came up in California in regards to banning the blower's and they had reached out to the people in California and put out a program you bring in your old blower and we will give you a brand new blower per say \$100.00 or \$200.00 a buy back program. Mr. Steelen, thinks in his opinion would be more effective then just putting a absolute ban on blowers.

Michael McMorrow, stated that the Township has a rule on the book that it is 65 decimal blower, the Township has a Code Enforcer guy that is going to enforce the total blower ban what has the Code Enforcer doing the whole time? If the blower ban was being enforced this meeting wouldn't be happening.

Mr. Lembrich, stated to Mr. McMorrow, if the landscaper's followed the ban.

Mayor De Luca, stated to Mr. McMorrow that the difference is what the Township Committee learned and thank Mr. McMorrow for doing what he did because not everyone did. There was a compromise and the Township went with the 65 decimal and not everyone did what Mr. McMorrow did and the Township found it harder to enforce that because the Township had to know that there were only a certain amount of machines that had read 65 and the Township had to go out and look at the machines and that the ear cannot tell 65 or higher the Township had to go out and get meters. The Township did not have capacity to enforce it and the Township really thought that folks were going to follow it, it didn't happen on your part and didn't happen on the Township's part so that is why the Township is revisiting it.

Michael McMorrow, stated that now the good companies are going to get punished for the bad apples because it was not getting enforced.

Mayor De Luca, stated to Mr. McMorrow that he cannot flip it on the Township and that you made your point and thank you. Mayor De Luca, closed the hearing on the leaf blower ban and also is not ready to make a decision tonight because the Township Committee has to process everything that was heard. The Township Committee has some offers and providing an alternative proposal so that the Township Committee can listen to what the landscaper's have to say, the Township Committee will be meeting again in two weeks and then should decide if the Township how much more time the Township wants to spend on this tonight, the Township has a lot more to do.

Ms. Adams, stated that she would like to wait two weeks for the Township Committee to digest everything that was heard tonight and the Township Committee has more of the agenda to get through and has other discussions to have tonight and would suggest that the Township Committee to table for the next meeting.

Mr. McGehee, stated that he wanted to thank the landscaper's for coming tonight and the landscaper's are here tonight and the residents are not and the landscapers are here representing residents and here representing your own businesses personal interest and Mr. McGehee appreciate the landscaper's time and kudo's to the landscapers. In Mr. McGehee's business when a proposal is made and there are 9 bullet items that are made and they are segmented verses other alternate solutions. Mr. McGehee, recommends that the Landscaping Companies go in the back and get each other information and sit down and look at the 9 bullets and come back with a formalized the alternative to each bullet and the reason why, so that the Township Committee can sit down and see and because there are so many opinions and good points but to see it tangible as a cohensive unit will be very valuable to the Township Committee.

Mrs. Larrier, would only echo Mr. McGehee and thanking the landscaper's for coming out and would alter Mr. McGehee's suggestion that when the landscaper's go back and get everybodys information and come up with the one piece, tangible piece of proposal and send to Ms. Adams and Mr. Lembrich so that they can get it out to the Township Committee other than wait and come back two weeks and that is what Mrs.

Larrier would have done.

Mr. Lembrich, stated that he is all open to alternative proposals and better solutions but also wants to get away from phrasing this in terms of a compromise and wants to clear up of a apparent misconception like Governing like the Township Committee is doing is not a contract negotiation and that the Township Committee don't have to agree or compromise based on anything. The Township Committee have been elected to serve the best interest of the residents of this Town and Mr. Lembrich is not going to compromise on that. The Township Committee pointed out some serious issues with leaf blowers, with the way the leaf blowers were being used in the community.

Mr. Lembrich, stated that what he sees in terms of a proposal and what Deputy Mayor Adams put forth is a number of issues on which there is actually consensus. There seems to be consensus or at least no objection to increase fines and with helping with enforcement and helping with things actually being followed as to whatever they might be. Mr. Lembrich didn't hear any opposition to the requirement to have leaves be left out for more than 7 days before the scheduled pick up and that was something that was important to the sub-committee. Mr. Lembrich has not heard any objection to requiring work as to wearing safety equipment when they are using those machines. There also seems to be a consensus that they may not work in a commercial setting as well that there will be no ban on electric or battery powered blowers. Mr. Lembrich, stated where he sees the contested issues are obviously banned during some or all of the summer and parts of the spring or fall verses just lower decimal blowers as the current ordinances phrased. What every bans or restriction that the Township Committee apply to everyone including residents or just commercial users and that there were some very good points made about considering the potential down sides of the proposal to limit the number of blower's during the busier time in particular in the spring and fall. That the sub-committee didn't have to consider and finally it seems that there is a big issue about the timing of the ban or the timing of restrictions May 15th verses Memorial Day or June 1 a two week gap or Labor Day September 1st verses October 15th which is about a 6 week gap and for those 8 weeks the Township Committee has some thinking to do.

Mayor De Luca, stated here is the game plan this is going to be on for discussion again at the next meeting and you don't need to send a blast out to everyone to come to Town Hall because the Township Committee has gotten everything and it has been laid out pretty well. And thinks that Mr. Lembrich laid it out pretty well, the landscaper's have solutions that they think the Township Committee should be considering put them on the table. Mayor De Luca, stated that there is going to be something from last year and its going to be something going forward and the sooner the landscapers get it to the Township Committee the better.

And this could be a couple of months before it is put in place. Mayor De Luca, stated that the Township Committee wants to get this done before April because the landscaper has to know and your Customer has to know and predictability is more important and need to know if this is the best interest for the Towns community.

2. Increasing the fees on parking and traffic tickets (Violations)/FM

Mr. McGehee, stated that has the Township Committee continues to look for ways to enhance the safety of the Towns community and the one thing is that the Township is enable to address some of the challenges of preventing driver's from speeding at excessive rates as well as not listening to or buying by the rules of the Town is to make sure that when they are in violations that they do feel it from a financial substantial perspective. Mr. McGehee has provided some data to Mr. Manning, Township Administrator with regards to the Township's current level of costs in terms of ticketing violations and is very interesting that all of the Townships pricing is below average for various towns in the area. What Mr. McGehee would like to do is potentially go through the process of increasing the prices and what that will do is the commitment to the Towns residents is to say that you are in violation in terms of traffic safety or in terms of speeding that you will pay in your pocket book.

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that he thought this was parking fees and that the Township has no control over speeding fines, no controls over left turn fines, no control over moving violations or State controled. The only thing that the Town can do is parking fines and even then it is subject to the approval of the Assignment Judge. And the Township cannot affect any other fines.

Mr. McGehee, stated to Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney what is the process do we send the Judge

asking for this?

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that he thinks so or certainly have a meeting with the Judge and say listen we looked on a comparative basis and make what suggestions the Judge wants to make with regard to those fines.

Mayor De Luca, stated that they have a finance committee meeting tomorrow and want to get a sense of if you look at Maplewood and South Orange we lag anywhere from \$10.00 to \$20.00 or more. And should the Township use South Orange as a guide?

Mr. McGehee, stated yes.

Mayor De Luca, stated that they will be talking about this tomorrow night at the finance committee meeting about the process of sending a letter.

3. POD Ordinance/SV-IL

Mrs. Larrier, stated that the Code Committee last week discussed the issue of pod's remaining on driveways and came to the conclusion that they really do need to regulate them a little better. The Code Committee had the Assistant Administrator, Sonia Alves-Vevieros did send out the a general ordinance from another township for your consideration. Mrs. Larrier stated that they would like to know what your pleasure is and would like to regulate them like the limit on where the pods be, how long the pods can be there, what can be inside of the pods and if you are open to that Mrs. Larrier would like to Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney using the example that Mrs. Larrier has there as a base.

Mayor De Luca, stated that Mr. Roe, Health Officer sent out an email that the pod should not be closer to the street then the front of the house. And second while the Township has a 6 month maximum Mr. Roe is suggesting that there should be some language that the pod cannot be put again on the property for 24 months.

Ms. Fritzen, stated that we treat the pods as dumpster permits currently and it is on their property and as the Township knows that the Clerk's office does not require any kind of permit or insurance and that is why some of the pods have been hidden in backyards and things for years at a time.

Mayor De Luca, stated that this would force the registration of pods and the individual can only be able to keep the pod for 6 months.

Mrs. Larrier, would also point out not to use the term pods because Mrs. Larrier thinks that they are something other than pods.

Mrs. Alves-Vevieros, Assistant Administrator, stated that they are temporary storage.

Mr. McGehee, stated that the pricing on the pods is almost to reasonable \$300.00 for 6 months and that is cheaper than a storage place and should consider.

Mrs. Larrier, stated that her request today is to find out what the Township's pleasure is to move forward to have something drafted up that they can go over.

Mayor De Luca, stated that they can agree that one pods up to 6 months within the 24 month period per applicant. And the question is the location and wondering if it can be like what they did with the commercial trucks.

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that he was going to draft something up have the Township Committee look it over and pass comments around with regard to it and will be putting it on for discussion for the next meeting.

4. Rental Registration/SV

Mrs. Alves-Vevieros, Assistant Administrator, stated that this was at the Code Enforcement meeting and it was with regard to the definition of family.

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that this arose out of a recommendation from Beverly Mazone, Maplewood Building Department, with regards to issues they were having with interpretation of the rental registration. As a result of that meeting there were several recommendations and one was that there be a definition incorporated which would include title owner and spouse in terms of owner and family. The definition of senior citizen would be added to anyone who reached the age of 62 and then consistent with what the prosecutor said the first fine would be \$100.00, the second offense would be \$250.00 and the third fine would be \$500.00. That is the recommendation and would leave it to the Township Committee to let Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney know if the Township Committee is interested in doing this or not.

Mayor De Luca, stated that if he had a house and is renting to his brother upstairs is it considered a rental?

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that is correct and that they would pay the fine and register.

Mayor De Luca, stated that if they are going to define a family as title, owner and spouse we have to be inclusive to be title, owner and spouse or domestic partner. Also this is a problem because people come into Town Hall and say that they should be exempt because their brother lives upstairs or my cousin lives upstairs or I rent to my child and so it should be exempted. What was pointed out at the meeting was if our purpose is to insure that the rental meets code and is safe for the tenant then it really doesn't matter who the tenant is and that the Township has an obligation to know that the rental is safe. What about a brother and sister who are on the deed for the property?

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that the Township accepts it and they are exempt because they are titled owners and 62 is everyone okay with that which is the age of the senior advisory and that the fines are \$100.00, \$250.00 and \$500.00.

The Township Committee all stated yes that they were in on the age of 62. That is the standard fines that the Township uses.

5. Affordable Assisted Living Proposal for Redevelopment Area 2/VD

Mayor De Luca, stated that there was talk before about a potential contract and negotiation that the Township would have to do with real estate and they have been in discussion with a developer. The proposal is to build affordable assisted living units there. It will be roughly 175 units and 85 percent of those units would be for medicaid eligible individuals. The units will be relatively small because it's a space for sleeping and they take advantage of medical care, grooming and all on site.

Mayor De Luca, stated that this has difficulty in moving forward as that area does not now allow for medical offices and actually prohibits medical offices and it doesn't make mention as a permitted use for an assisted living facility and adult day care. What they have been talking about is the way to make this work is to make all three of those uses permitted uses by changing the redevelopment plan to make assisted living, adult day care and medical offices permitted uses. These would be four story buildings or maybe five if parking is on the first floor and there would have to be some discussion about how they will be moving cars. They have asked the Township for the possibility of using the DPW garage property as an easement to have some exits near the driveway and also the Township to purchase an empty piece of property that is at the DPW lot to allow DPW's operations to exist there.

Mrs. Larrier, asked how many buildings?

Mayor De Luca, stated he believes there are four buildings. Or maybe three buildings plus a small day care center. Mayor De Luca, stated that the Township has a lot to negotiate with the developer and what the Mayor De Luca needs to know from the Township Committee is if this is a good idea to continue to pursue this; and if the Township Committee does is the Township Committee willing to do changes to the

redevelopment plan to allow both these types of uses. Mayor De Luca, mentioned over building in redevelopment area 2 area but this is a different kind of housing; this is no market housing, it not for young professionals, this is mostly individuals, the ages in assisted living are relatively on the upper end of the scale. There has been success at Winchester Garden and this would clearly be a different price point.

Ms. Adams, stated that the biggest issue is that the affordable part of this and that this is a need for people who want to stay in Maplewood, and who want to grow old in this area and can't live on their own any more and right now there is no option.

Mrs. Larrier, stated that this is not like affordable housing where they don't have the option of who goes into the facility.

Mayor De Luca, stated that depending on the funding it would be similar to the Irvington Avenue Senior Housing and that it is open to anybody. There is also some discussion with the developer who is trying to do some of the units where Veterans are included. So the question is are we willing to change the redevelopment plan to allow this and we still have to work on the zoning, setbacks and density levels and all that. Are we willing to sell a piece of property to them and then we need to negotiate the redevelopment agreement and they would want tax abatement. Based on the little reimbursement they get back from medicaid this project cannot work without some assistance from the Township. We also believe that there are some environmental issues there that have to get cleaned up.

Mr. Lembrich, stated that this is something that the Maplewood community needs and is in favor of at least considering a pilot or rather a tax abatement appropriation.

Mayor De Luca, stated to Mr. Lembrich that the pilot doesn't mean that they pay nothing, it is that they pay a different rate. Assuming this would be based on income.

Mr. McGehee, stated to Mayor De Luca, instead of the tax abatement Mr. McGehee talked about getting a third party to see what the profitability will be and the abatement the Township would offer the developer. Also Mr. McGehee does agree that the Township does have a need there in terms of seniors housing. Mr. McGehee also suggested a plan to talk with the residents in the area affected by the construction?

Mayor De Luca indicated to Mr. McGehee that the Township would if they were moving forward. The Township would have a meeting with people in the neighborhood and let them know what is going on and to get their input. Mayor De Luca believes that the Township needs to get a better handle on some of the design issues. The developer also talked to the Township about the fact that this population has no real desire to make high rise apartments for this population. Because the more the people have to go up and down the harder it is for them. Tonight apparently there is consensus that this is a good plan.

Mr. Manning, Township Administrator, stated the cost would be \$4,500.00 to \$6,000.00 to develop the changes in the Redevelopment Ordinance.

Mayor De Luca, stated that the developer would have to pay \$1,500.00 for the Township to amend the ordinance and essentially what the Township wants to do is hire a planner to craft the ordinance with these changes in it.

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney stated that it seems to him that doing this is premature until the Township knows that the developer has a contract.

Mayor De Luca, replied right and that unfortunately the Township has to get a contract with the developer but the Township wants to set it up and until the Township gets a contract. What the Township wants to do is come out with a willingness to move forward with this.

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, reported that he got a communication late today after he left the office regarding the Mazza Recycling matter. Mr. Desiderio went on to refer to a letter generated by Mr. Bell, Public Works Director on February 16th. and Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney goes on to read portions of the letter regarding the bid that was awarded to Mazza and then was awarded to Rotondi & Sons. Mr.

Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that based on the letter there is a recommendation that award of contract be made to Rotondi & Sons. The letter that Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, received today was received after he left his office today. As a courtesy to Mazza, Mr. Desiderio is going to suggest that this matter be tabled for two weeks until the March 7, 2017 meeting of the Governing Body. However, Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney does not believe that there is going to be any additional information that is going to come forward that is going to change any of this information. Ultimately the Township is going to have to make a decision. It is Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney's recommendation that the Township would ultimately award contract to Rotondi & Son Inc., as Mazza fails to qualify. Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that he has not talked to Mr. Bell, Director of Public Works and does not think that there is anything critical in the two week period. Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney's recommendation is that the Township Committee table this matter for two weeks.

Mr. McGehee, asked how did Rotondi & Son know that Mazza was not in compliance?

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that Rotondi was here for the bid and they can examine each other's bids.

Mr. Lembrich, seconded by Mrs. Larrier, move to table for two weeks Resolution Number 43-17 regarding the Hauling and Disposal of Leaves for 2017 and the awarding of that contract to Rotondi & Sons.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Larrier, Mr. Lembrich, Mr. McGehee and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: None

Motion carries.

6. Slave Free Community Project/VD

Mayor De Luca, stated that there are a number of Maplewood and South Orange residents who have put together this group and a national effort. Is it the local groups working on it that would like the Township Committee to take a position based on their letter, which would really deal with human trafficking, and also that the Town's purchases are not facilitated or made by modern slavery. There might be a role that the Township Committee could advocate for it and so Mayor De Luca wanted to see if there was any interest in pursuing this. Mayor De Luca would invite Bob Boneberg to come to a meeting and talk to the Township Committee about this. The Governing Body agreed.

7. Coalition Against Bigger Trucks/VD

Mayor De Luca, stated that this is something that the League of Municipalities backed to prevent the trucks from getting bigger; both bigger and heavier. Township's representatives have been opposed to it. Mayor De Luca, was told that our Congressman Payne has not signed on to it. In fact Mayor De Luca heard that Congressman Payne was one of the sponsors of the bill to allow this to happen. Mayor De Luca stated how would this affect us here in Maplewood, these trucks would be using Maplewood's major roads like Valley Street and Springfield Avenue and they are heavier and bigger and they also would be on the major highways where Township residents would be. The Township has been asked to take a position on this.

Ms. Adams, stated that she agrees with it.

Mayor De Luca asked if a Resolution should be prepared for the March 7, 2017 Township Committee meeting?

The Township Committee all stated yes.

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, was directed to prepare a Resolution for the March 7, 2017 Township Committee meeting.

8. Capital Budget/JM

Mr. Manning, Township Administrator, indicated that it does not have to be done tonight but wanted the Township Committee members to look at the recommendations so that we can bring it up at the next meeting. Discussion will also take place at the Finance Committee meeting in the morning.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Lembrich, voting separately on item numbers 2, 4 and 5, moved the adoption of the consent agenda.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Larrier, Mr. Lembrich, Mr. McGehee and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: None

Motion carries.

Mrs. Larrier, seconded by Mr. McGehee, moved Resolution Number 41-17. This resolution is basically a resolution in support of the Affordable Care Act. Mrs. Larrier reported that if they repeal the Act we know based on a study that came out today that Essex County alone will lose at least 106,000 people who then will have no health coverage. Mrs. Larrier provided sample pens that say ACA Saves Lives to those present.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Larrier, Mr. Lembrich, Mr. McGehee and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: None

Motion carries.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT - ANY SUBJECT MATTER

Mayor De Luca, stated seeing no one, closed the second public comment period.

13. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

No Reports.

14. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Manning, Township Administrator, stated that he has received notice from the Department of Environmental Protection New Jersey State Forestry Services that Maplewood's second Five year Community Forestry Management Plan was approved for the years 2016 thru 2020.

Mr. Manning, Township Administrator, stated the Township has applied for Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Funds and the Township is being recommended for a \$748,600.00 Grant for looking at the Hazardous Discharges at the Fresco's site.

Mr. Manning, Township Administrator, stated that the Maplewood Farmer's Market will be relocating from the Indiana Street parking lot down Springfield Avenue to the parking lot that the Township just leased for a year. It is a better location, more parking in the back, less crowded streets and better visibility. The Township will be approaching the vendors and letting them know of the change and improvement.

Ms. Adams asked Mr. Manning if the Township is going to expand any of the vendors? Is the Administrative Office looking to attract new vendors?

Mr. Manning, Township Administrator, stated to Ms. Adams that the Administrative office is constantly getting calls from vendors and the Assistant Administrator will also be attending the yearly start up meeting where a lot of the vendors can be contacted.

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that on February 16th he sent an email about a Verizon request and just wanted to make sure that it was being referred to the Township Committee sub-committee; Engineering, Public Works and Planning.

Ms. Fritzen, Township Clerk, no report.

Mayor De Luca, stated to Ms. Fritzen that he just wanted to publicly thank Sonya Harrison, Registrar, for her great assistance to a couple who was getting married the next day and had not completed or picked up their marriage license. It was so noted that Ms. Harrison came in on a Saturday to meet the couple. The Mayor appreciated it very much.

15. REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mrs. Larrier, no report

Ms. Adams, no report

Mr. Lembrich, no report

Mr. McGehee, stated on March 9th John McKeon will be coming to help celebrate the Green Teams Anniversary. Also the Green Team is working on the Maplewood Solar Challenge, the Rake Finder Program is being started up by the Green Team and it is an app where residents can find youth in a link for assistance. Young people who are interested in raking lawns for money with residents who do not have the ability to use a leaf blower will be identified. YouthNet is helping to tutor or help train tutors from Columbia High School to tutor refugees.

Mr. McGehee wanted to recognize a couple of businesses on Springfield Avenue for their participation in Black History Month. Express Yourself Studio's as well as Top Hat & Tails, not only for their mentor program for black male young youth but also for their suits. Mr. McGehee's suit he has on tonight is a product of Top Hat & Tails. Also the Maplewood Middle School is having their annual Adams Family this weekend and the tickets are \$12.00 and recommend that all residents come out and support the Township's Middle School for the students, faculty and PTA. Also Village Trattoria is Celebrating 25 years and please support and celebrate them. And finally, thank you to Village Coffee for allowing Mr. McGehee's office hours to be held there, and he will be at Cedar Ridge this Saturday at 10:15 am.

Mayor De Luca, stated this Sunday from 2 pm to 6 pm is the Chilli Cook-Off at The Woodland. March 2, 2017 at 7:30 PM the Township has a forum on Immigrant Rights. The forum will be held at the Seth Boyden School Library. The Mayor reminded everyone to support the Black History Month activities throughout the Township.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Ended at 11:35 p.m. To meet again Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Maplewood Municipal Building, 574 Valley Street, Maplewood, N.J.