

6/7/2017 - Minutes

1. SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Chair led all assembled in a Salute to the American flag. A Moment of silence was held for John J. McGrath who passed away recently. Mr. McGrath is a Veteran and a five time Commander of Maplewood VFW Post 10120, and a long time Maplewood resident.

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 meetings 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, 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: Mrs. India Larrier

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 it 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 discussions of the Governing Body at all its regular and special meetings.

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

Nays: None

4. MAYORS INTRODUCTION

Mayor De Luca gave an overview of the evening's agenda. First there is going to be a proclamation on Men's Health Month, next we will have appropriately the Board of Health meeting, after that the first public comment. There will be two presentations; one on the Community Choice Energy Aggration Shared Service and the second presentation is about the Maplewood Jitney. Then we will move up the Welcoming Community and if anyone wants to speak on his that will be the time to do so and the Township Committee will continue the discussions and go from there. Introducing two new ordinances; one dealing with eliminating the requirement that a garage be built on all residential properties and second changing the "For Sale Signs" ordinance. The balance of the discussion items; one is the recycling containers and porta potties, two will be talking about New Jersey Transit and the summer schedule changes, four a proposed

ordinance for Tuscan Road parking, fifth will be talking about the Paris Climate Accord and number six will be deferred. There is the consent agenda which has a number of contracts roadway improvements, two items related to alcoholic beverage license, appointing a Deputy Chief to the Maplewood Fire Department, inserting the Township's Clean Community Grant information into the Budget, and approving the minutes of May 16th. The second public comment period, administrative reports, reports from elected officials and then will adjourn.

5. PROCLAMATION - Men's Health Month - June, 2017

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Mayor De Luca, stated that the Township Committee was asked to do this proclamation. Mayor De Luca stated that he had an open house discussion with Congressman Donald Payne how he talked about his own personal health and talked about how men don't like to talk about their health and don't focus on their health. So it is fitting that this month June 2017, the Township talk about Men's Health.

Mayor De Luca goes on to read the proclamation for Men's Health Month. Mayor De Luca, stated again that they are promoting Men's Health Month and that you can wear blue.

6. BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Held and Adjourned.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

8. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION - Community Choice Energy Aggregation Shared Service

Community Chose Energy Aggregation Shared Service

Mayor De Luca, wanted to congratulate Tracey Woods for being the State Environmental Hero for June from Sustainable Jersey and was designated for the hero for the whole State.

Tracey Woods, Chair of the Maplewood Green Team, stated Maplewood has an opportunity to be part of the Community Choice Aggregation with several other Essex townships. A Community Choice Aggregation (CCA referred to as "Government Energy Aggregation" under New Jersey Legal Code is an electric supply purchasing agreement between the townships, on behalf of their residents and a third party supplier. By pooling the purchasing power to negotiate for improved environmental attributes for that supply. Aggregation agreements were put in place as part of utility deregulation to give residential consumers some of the same ability to make arrangements for better terms with third party suppliers that large commercial and industrial customers have.

For all of the Essex towns involved in this process improving the environmental attributes of our electricity supply is an essential element of this process. While all recognize that getting a lower price than PSE&G's basic Generation Supply price is a requirement for the aggregation to move forward, progress in the direction of increasing the renewable content and taking steps towards demand management are the true motivating force behind this project.

How does aggregation work for the residents? By New Jersey law, residential aggregation programs are "opt out". This means that the chosen third party supplier replaces PSE&G as the default supplier. All residents are enrolled unless they already have an agreement with a third party the most part residents will no experience any difference: The grid and physical electrical structure will still be managed by PSE&G. They will remain responsible for quickly repairing any management consultant will be engaged who will manage the bid process for the third party supplier, facilitate the procedure by which residents opt out, and establish a demand reduction program. There will be no upfront cost for the energy management consultant. Their fees will be the responsibility of the third party supplier as part of their contract. One of the Essex towns including coming to an agreement with the third party supplier.

Next Steps: Representatives of the Essex towns are currently coming to a shared understanding about what can be achieved in the first year of aggregation. Part of that process includes selecting the energy management consultant. The group has already met with one potential energy management consultant and will be meeting with two or three others in the next couple of weeks.

We are asking the Township to endorse the research and RFP process for a Community Choice Aggregation partnership with other Essex County towns. The RFP will require Township Committee approval before as well as acceptance of the price and terms agreed to by the end of that process.

We ask that the Township Committee confirm that Maplewood would offer to be the Lead Agent in the Aggregation Partnership. If the offer to be Lead Agent is accepted by the other partner townships, Maplewood will administer the logistical aspects of the RFP development. There is funding available from Sustainable Jersey in the amount of \$5,000 to support the Lead Agent township(s) in the expenses accrued during the lead up to the release of the RFP.

Bob McCoy, Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee Chair, stated shared purpose would be cleaner electricity supply how do we get to cleaner electricity? Really about investment - in renewable generation and energy efficiency. Aggregation like this allows residents leverage in three main areas:

1. Negotiate price
2. Facilitate demand reduction
3. Support for investment in renewable generation

Negotiate price, straight forward, demand reduction energy efficiency programs that break down barriers, 8000 decision makers, lack of trusted contractors and contractors with incentives to do the most cost effective measures, Cape Light Compact example, ultimately the biggest savings will come from reducing use. Invest in renewables, can't do this directly, traditional "green" electricity suffer dubious effectiveness, just paying a little for the right to claim the renewable attributes doesn't mean you are effectively encouraging investment. Cape Light Compact solution, negotiate with the third party supplier that all funds used to buy the right to call the electricity green go into a fund contractually dedicated to investing in renewable. Hiring the Program Manager is a key step, they will provide expertise in negotiating a favorable contract with the third party supplier, manage the transition (notification of residents and facilitating the opt out process), and establish the demand reduction program. Bigger context, local leadership where it is missing at the federal and even State level. At the State level 2018 forward movement will again be possible, Essex can be in a position to influence the direction. Looking for Township Committee support in general and specifically Lead Agency. Lastly, wanted to talk about the bigger context of all of this and that is the Paris Climate discussion and what is evident to those of us who are involved in this is that local leadership is really crucial on this right now. And we have always been the interface with the Maplewood residents and a lot of this has to come in at the household level. But now more than ever setting those tones, setting the policy, and demanding of our electric supply has to come at the local level. Mr. McCoy and Ms. Woods appreciate the Township Committee support so far and in general and hopefully there is a willingness to step up as the lead agency.

Mr. Lembrich, stated to Mr. McCoy and/or Ms. Woods thanks and that this is great and knows that a lot of work went into this and what is the timeline looking like and what is it that the Township Committee can do? Are there official things that the Township Committee can do or ways that the Township Committee might be able to use relationship or influence how can the Township Committee help Mr. McCoy and Ms. Woods. Mr. Lembrich thinks that this is a great idea and what is it now that the Township Committee can do for you?

Tracey Woods, Chair of the Maplewood Green Team stated, certainly agreeing to be the lead agency when they begin to set in motion along with other towns it picks up steam after that and thinks that is an important affect. And as we start hearing from other consultants and finding out all the possibilities and just being available in addition to helping Ms. Wood and Mr. McCoy set up the frame work for it.

Bob McCoy, Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee Chair, stated that there is a lot of fear of getting into it and Mr. McCoy and Ms. Woods talking to the Township Committee is expiring other towns to do that kind of things.

Mr. McGehee, stated as a liaison to both of their committee's Mr. McGehee continues to support Mr. McCoy and his efforts and wants everyone to know in the audience watching and here that no two individuals work as hard as these two individuals do Mr. McCoy and Ms. Woods in terms of increasing the township's green footprint. And thinks that being lead agency is the right direction that the Township should go in. We are a leading town in many ways and should be leading in our green activities as well. In addition, it is a shared services and that Mr. McCoy and Ms. Woods has Mr. McGehee's full support and will continue to have his full support and agree that the Township Committee colleagues will agree.

Mayor De Luca, stated that the Township Committee has had conversations here at Town Hall and have Talked with Annette DePalma, Director of Community Development and Ms. DePalma would take this on as another project and as we get resources from Sustainable Jersey, Ms. DePalma may in consultation with Mr. Manning, Township Administrator bring on additional help to make this a go but the Township Committee thought in talking with Ms. DePalma skills as a lawyer, negotiator and someone who has been involved in shared services activity Ms. DePalma would be the appropriate person on staff to do that. Just so that we are covered Mayor De Luca does want to ask the question that Montclair would ask why would Maplewood Township want do to this. If you can give a sentence or two as to what is the benefit for Mayor De Luca as a resident to do this? Clearly Mayor De Luca would save some dollars on his electric cost correct?

Bob McCoy, Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee Chair, correct.

Mayor De Luca, stated is there an additional benefit to do this?

Tracey Woods, Chair of the Maplewood Green Team stated, oh yes. A group of people who work really hard in this and we all thought that what is the best important and what can we do to make the most difference and this is where we landed. This program is very impactful and it is going to impact climate change and its where the township needs to be headed to be.

Bob McCoy, Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee Chair, stated that one is that some people are trying to get some as individuals paying extra for electricity and also save them from that burden and that there are a lot of people who are aware of climate change is a real problem. It is a way that we can let people know and can do something about it. The other thing is the Cape Light Compact is ver robust energy sufficient program and that this is a service that people are looking for and they would like it in a way that they are comfortable with and that they understand.

Mayor De Luca, stated if someone came up to the Township Committee and said what right does the town have by energy by any path and if Mayor De Luca was to answer them and the State has already made a choice that you are to buy electricity from PSE&G and you don't have a say in that. And what we now have is an opportunity to have a say in a collective community and that we are going to buy something which we have used that will bring you some savings. In addition its going to what Mr. McCoy and Ms. Woods is talking about is move the dial on with production of green energy, dealing with climate changes. Someone has made the decision and even if someone says they don't buy that argument they would have the right under this program to stay with PSE&G or go to another provider. The Township is having a bit of a problem with the folks going door to door and signing people up and there seems to be some folks being signed up without their acknowledge. This is no going to result in either Annette DePalma or anybody else going door-to-door and that that is not of program here.

Bob McCoy, Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee Chair, stated no.

Mayor De Luca, stated that this is just the Township Committee after all the due diligence and the bid and the town collectively as a shared service will make an decision and then automatically PSE&G it will be switched. And on our bills it will have a different provider of the generation of electricity. We will still get bills from PSE&G, if a wire goes down Mayor De Luca stated he would still call PSE&G no matter if you

buy energy through this and so nothing really changes and you will get one bill not two.

Ms. Adams, stated is there any possibility of prices going up on this and what would we be purchasing. In other words a few years back Ms. Adams bought and without realizing it until months afterwards it had already gone over the price Ms. Adams would have been paying at PSE&G is there any possibility that would be happening?

Bob McCoy, Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee Chair stated, that they would have a chance to review the contracts and think that we can get a contract for the long term steady rate and that seems to be the normal pattern. And also PSE&G rates are already published through June of 2018 you have something to compare it too.

Mayor De Luca, stated that Mr. McCoy and Ms. Woods is asking the Township Committee to do two things and one is that the Township Committee join a shared service with various other municipalities in Essex County to explore the Feasibility Community Aggregation Program? The Township Committee is not agreeing to anything now and saying that we want to take a step down the road and do our due diligence and join with others in a shared service is that correct?

Bob McCoy, Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee Chair stated, yes that is correct.

Mayor De Luca, stated the second is if the Township Committee were to move forward on that, that the Maplewood Township would be the lead agency and would receive a grant from Sustainable Jersey to help prepare the work and that the Township would be the agency that would organization as all these other towns and do all the bid processing.

Bob McCoy, Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee Chair stated, that he would say formerly organize rather than actually and thinks that this organization will continue and actually specify what they want the lead agency to carry out but there are a lot of formal fees that need to happen and that is where the lead agency will come in. They are not asking us to dictate the terms its more of taking care of the serious formalities.

Mayor De Luca, stated getting a motion to that the Township Committee will join with our other towns in Essex County municipalities to explore the feasibility of entering into a Community Energy Aggregation Program and that we would accept the role as it gets developed of being the lead agency as shared service.

Mr. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Lembrich, move that we as the Township will become the lead agency in this shared service.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

9. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF MAPLEWOOD JITNEY

Presentation and Discussion of Maplewood Jitney - Director of Maplewood Public Works Mr. Calvin Bell

Calvin Bell, Director of Maplewood Public Works stated, that he was asked to attend tonight's meeting to shed some light on the recent Jitney changes and share some information as to why they were done, how its been operating, where it is overcrowded and what's really going on. The rationale for the changes to the Jitney routes as we all know there are four (4) Jitney routes the Hilton, Parker, Maplecrest, and the Wyoming. Mr. Bell recently made changes to the Hilton route and the Maplecrest route and the reason for the changes was that since Mr. Bell has been at the Township for the last two (2) years Mr. Bell has received numerous requests from residents that the Jitney be serviced to a certain section of the town which is formerly unserved. This would be the southwestern corner of the Township the area towards

Millburn Avenue, Valley Street by Broadview and Sommer Street going around that end.

Calvin Bell, Director of the Maplewood Public Works stated, some of the residents stated that they have been complaining and requesting the changes for years, and most importantly the reason for the changes that as a provider of service of the Township Mr. Bell has to make sure that all residents of the township at all sector of the township are taken care of and while they do have four (4) routes running now this one section did appear to be neglected and did need to have some type of service to satisfy the residents in that location. As of May 22nd what was done was that the Hilton and Maplecrest routes were modified was the most impactful was that Mr. Bell added four (4) stops to the Maplecrest route which originally had only four (4) stops on it. Four (4) stops were previously on the Hilton route and would be including Rutgers, Prospect at Hilton, Prospect at Bowdoin and Bowdoin at Tuscan Road. Also to accommodate these times Mr. Bell moved the pick-up time back by possibly five (5) minutes so that each residents would have time to get on the bus and get to the train station in time.

Calvin Bell, Director of the Maplewood Public Works stated, since he made the changes there have been complaints that the Maplecrest Jitney is now over crowded. Mr. Bell, stated that he immediately ran some numbers and established that this was true and also visited the jitney stops following the jitney on an almost daily basis to make sure that the numbers that were being reported were accurate. Overall the a.m. jitney for the Maplecrest route averages 17 passengers per trip which is appropriately 30 percent of its occupancy. After the changes the Maplecrest Jitney averaged 25 percent and 45 percent of occupancy. The p.m. Maplecrest Jitney average 4 passengers before the changes and 17 passengers after the changes. These numbers obviously appear very low to the council and possible to any residents that may be in the township. These numbers are inclusive of all six (6) routes for all the trips. But in order to get an more accurate reading what Mr. Bell did was take three (3) peak trips which would be the 2nd, 3rd and 4th trip each morning and ran those numbers to see exactly where we stood. As everyone can see during the peak period the Maplecrest before the changes were averaging 24 passengers per trip at approximately 43 percent capacity and after the changes were averaging 34 passengers per trip approximately 61 percent capacity. The p.m. numbers were similar but less than the a.m. numbers and just to be sure Mr. Bell took a look at the overall numbers to see the maximum riders at any time and before the changes the Maplecrest rider and the maximum amount of ridership for everyone was 41 passengers and after the changes the maximum ridership was 50 passengers. Previous to the changes the p.m. trip the maximum ridership was 30 passengers and after the changes was 62 passengers.

Calvin Bell, Director of the Maplewood Public Works stated, although the perception may have been that the ridership and the jitney's are now overcrowded the actual numbers don't really support that. One of the things that Mr. Bell is going to continue to do monitor the ridership of all the jitney's and already have plans in place that if changes are needed to be made and if so will be implementing them as necessary. Another plan that Mr. Bell has is to make it a little bit more easier for the passengers is to have the time moved back on all the jitneys so that passengers would board them approximately 10 minutes earlier so this will give everyone a chance to board the jitney, get to the train and board the train regardless of which track it is on and not have to run.

Ms. Adams, stated that one of the concerns was the jitney bus not going in the reverse or no dropping off the same way it picked up but instead dropping off the other way.

Calvin Bell, Director of the Maplewood Public Works stated, that was a complaint that Mr. Bell received also from several passengers apparently the order that the jitney picks up passengers in the morning was not being followed in the afternoon. According to the bus driver he deviated from the plan and this was unbenounced to Mr. Bell he deviated from the plan and he stated the reason for that was that it was taking too long to complete the route as previously done and therefore, he didn't have sufficient time to get back to the station. Mr. Bell instructed his jitney driver to continue the original route and when we have data to support that its not getting the passengers in time then we have to make changes. Passengers will be notified either way.

Mayor De Luca stated that last Wednesday night he decided to take a ride on the Maplewood jitney and the issue was not over crowding the issue was that the jitney driver decided to go a different way when he got to Tuscan Road. Instead of making a right and dropping those people off down near Bowdoin and the two stops on Bowdoin he went left and went to Maplewood Crossing and then worked his way back. Mayor

De Luca, stated that Mr. Bell has since then corrected it and Mayor De Luca, stated that he rode the route from the Maplewood Train Station to Maplewood Crossing and it took 13 minutes which is what it is suppose to take. And we were all back in time to catch the next train. And did understand what the driver was talking about but what was happening is that the people on Bowdoin were crossing Springfield Avenue twice and while it made since to the driver it did not to the rider's and so that has been corrected.

Mayor De Luca, asked Mr. Bell if there is anyway that the jitney driver's know when a train is delayed?

Calvin Bell, Director of the Maplewood Public Works, stated yes and that he receives alerts from New Jersey Transit and if there is a substantial delay Mr. Bell can notify the driver's to let them know when to proceed.

Mayor De Luca, asked Mr. Bell does the jitney driver's have that app and that capacity?

Calvin Bell, Director of the Maplewood Public Works, stated that he does know of one driver .

Mayor De Luca, suggest that the Township could get all of the jitney drivers to get that app and thinks that it would be good if someone was calling the shots, because they ought to know when these trains are going to be late so that the jitney driver's can make some adjustments.

Calvin Bell, Director of the Maplewood Public Works stated, that he will continue to monitor and try to come up with plans and see what we are doing going forward.

Mr. McGehee, stated that he thinks that the Township may look at some type of person physically being there and calling the shots because this is going to be a perpetual process and that the township should really look into that.

Mayor De Luca, stated the other thing is by June 12th Transit is going to have all their information out and there are going to be schedule changes. Mayor De Luca, thinks that Mr. Bell should adjust the schedule and thinks that we need to have a OEM meeting and we all sit down with the police and DPW and figure out how we are going to respond to the summer train. One other thing is that there will be express busses from South Orange. There are no express buses from Maplewood yet. And once we get a heads up from Transit on that we can adjust the schedules.

Calvin Bell, Director of the Maplewood Public Works, stated that he will always adjust the schedule based on what New Jersey Transit is going by.

Mr. Lembrich, stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Bell, Director of Public Works for expanding the service have had many residents reach out to Mr. Lembrich to express their gratitude. How do we get 62 on a 55 person bus and recognizing that anyone above the 55 number doesn't want to wait for the next jitney how does the jitney driver's sort of tell the deal of safety issues when they are reaching or going above capacity?

Calvin Bell, Director of the Maplewood Public Works stated, that each driver keeps a count of all the passengers that come on the bus. And while that it may seem that it is very simple test to just count and let people on it can be somewhat difficult. And the driver's are aware that they should not have more than 55 passengers.

Mr. Lembrich, stated that in looking at the chart below the Maplecrest and Hilton chart the numbers look like consistently seeing lower ridership on the Hilton jitney and wonder A if that is correct and B if Mr. Bell might have any explanation or guess as to why that might be?

Calvin Bell, Director of the Maplewood Public Works stated, the reason is because the Hilton previously had seven (7) stops and that they took off 4 stops that were continually used those on the Maplecrest route and now we have four (4) brand new stops and because it is a new route it will take some time for residents to become familiar with taking the jitney. Mr. Bell would predict that this would start to increase definitely by the end of the year. And in this area we have several complexes going up and the buses will be filled up

before you think.

Mayor De Luca, stated that he has a request from his wife now that you have moved the jitneys on Mayor De Luca's block and would you fix the brakes because they squeak and have gotten complaints from other people on the block because they are very very loud.

Calvin Bell, Director of the Maplewood Public Works stated, that it will be taken care of.

Mr. Bell was thanked for the presentation this evening.

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCE

The Township Clerk read by title.

IL/NA INTRODUCTION OF A NEW
ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2864-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 271 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD
ENTITLED "ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS"

"Interpretive Statement"

(This ordinance will eliminate the requirement that a garage be built on all residential use properties.)

Mayor De Luca, seconded by Ms. Adams, moved the passage of this ordinance on first reading its publication according to law in the Maplewood/South Orange News-Records and a hearing to be held on July 18, 2017.

Mayor De Luca, stated that this is a recommendation that was talked about at the last meeting from the Code Committee. We have received two comments; one from Tom Carlson and one from Marvin Clawson both about the unintended consequences of people tearing down their garages to make their houses bigger and thinks that the Code Committee recognize that. There are a couple of options here and they are recommending that we table this Ordinance, however it is not going to be heard again until July 18th for hearing and final passage. It is going to go to the Planning Board for a conversation and then maybe they will move them along to get the lot coverage issues done. And if necessary Mayor De Luca would suggest we can table it on July 18th.

Ms. Adams, agrees with Mayor De Luca to send this to the Planning Board so that there is a thorough discussion regarding both memo's.

Mr. Lembrich, stated that he would be voting no.

Mr. McGehee, stated that he is a no vote as well.

Ayes: Ms. Adams and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: Mr. Lembrich and Mr. McGehee.

It fails 2-2

Ordinance fails on introduction.

11. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCE

The Township Clerk read by title.

FM/GL INTRODUCTION OF A NEW
ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2865-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 271 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD ENTITLED "ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS"

"Interpretive Statement"

(This ordinance will amend the provision regarding "For Sale Signs", etc., to allow "Coming Soon" to be placed on any permitted real estate signs.)

Mr. McGehee, seconded by Mr. Lembrich, moved 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 July 18, 2017.

Mayor De Luca, stated that this is also something that the Code Committee came up with the "Coming Soon" signs are allowed for 14 days and they have to put a date to when it is suppose to come down so the Code Enforcement can go and check out the signs and see the date as to when it should come down. And it also adds another rider.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Police Operational Plan for Welcoming Community/GL

Mr. Lembrich, stated as most are aware back on January 17th at the Township Committee meeting the Township Committee passed the Welcoming Community resolution. The purpose of the Operational Order:

Mr. Lembrich spoke as follows:

The purpose of the Operational Order is to set forth how the Maplewood Police Department will comply with the Township of Maplewood Resolution 3-17, also known as the "Welcoming Community Resolution", which was passed by the Maplewood Township Committee on January 17, 2017.

That resolution specifically directed the Chief of Police to create an Operational Order outlining certain Maplewood Police Department policies, procedures, and training with respect to the enforcement of immigration law.

The Operational Order recognizes that it was the intention of the Maplewood Township Committee through Resolution 3-17 to clarify the mission of the Maplewood Police Department with respect to immigration law enforcement.

The Operational Order outlines the specific responsibilities and prohibitions for both the sworn police officers and civilian employees of the Maplewood Police Department with regard to the equal, respectful and dignified treatment of all people regardless of their immigration status.

The Operational Order also outlines the mandatory training of Maplewood Police Officers to clarify their existing lawful authority and their limitations for the enforcement of immigration laws consistent with the

intentions and conditions set forth by the Maplewood Township Committee, federal statutes and regulations, state law and directives and court orders.

The Maplewood Police Department's Role in Our Community:

The Maplewood Police Department's overriding mission is to enforce state and local criminal laws and to protect the community it serves. That mission has not been nor will it be the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

The Maplewood Police Department's Mission Statement (adopted in 2011) states that the mission of the Maplewood Police Department is to serve and safeguard all persons within the Township in a fair, safe, professional and considerate manner consistent with the law and established goals of the community. The Maplewood Police Department in partnership with the community, will endeavor to prevent, identify and suppress criminal activity through a variety of creative and appropriate proactive and reactive means while ensuring that the rights of all citizens are recognized, respected and preserved. The Maplewood Police Department will strive to maintain the highest standards of conduct and proficiency while seeking to provide a supportive and personally enriching workplace for the members of the organization.

Consistent with this mission, the Operational Order confirms that it is the duty of Maplewood Police Officers to perform their duties in compliance with and conformance to existing law, including the responsibility and authority to investigate suspicious and criminal behavior and to take appropriate and lawful actions to preserve and enhance the safety of the community and all citizens irrespective of an individual's immigration status.

The Maplewood Police Department recognizes the importance of building and preserving strong community relationships with all residents regardless of their immigration status, in order to enhance the safety and security of the entire community.

The Maplewood Police Department further recognizes that mutual respect and trust between the community and the police are critical to promoting public safety since the police depend on the cooperation of individuals, whether documented or not who are victims of or witnesses to crimes.

Maplewood's Commitment to Fair, Impartial Policing:

The Maplewood Police Department is bound by and operates according to existing law and policy with regard to fair and impartial policing practices including NJ Attorney General's Directive 2005-1. Based upon that directive and New Jersey Law, officers of Maplewood Police Department shall not engage in racially influenced policing.

Training to prevent bias-based policing has been established and conducted for all officers since 2005 to conform to New Jersey Law and Directive 2005-1. It is presently part of the New Jersey Basic Police Academy curriculum and all Maplewood Police Officers regularly receive such training.

As with all departments, employees and officials of the Township of Maplewood, the Operational Order provides that the Maplewood Police Department shall comply with the United States and New Jersey Constitutions, New Jersey Attorney General Directives, and Federal and State Nondiscrimination Laws: shall not take any actions that profile individuals or groups based on religion, race, ethnicity, national origin or immigration status; and shall not engage in racially-influenced policing as defined in New Jersey Law Enforcement Directive No. 2005-1.

In accord with existing law, directives and policy the Operational Order provides that Maplewood Police Department actions shall not be based upon race or any other characteristic prohibited by law. Maplewood Police Officers shall not rely on actual or perceived national origin, immigration or citizenship status, race, ethnicity, language proficiency, marital status, status as a victim of domestic violence, or status as a veteran or any other characteristic prohibited by law. as the sole criteria for initiating any investigative inquiry police investigation or enforcement action.

When acting in compliance with New Jersey laws and directives, Maplewood police officers retain their full legal authority to lawfully inquire with lawfully investigate lawfully detain or lawfully arrest individuals in order to carry out the police duties conferred upon them by state law and local ordinance.

The Maplewood Police Department's Role With Respect to Immigration Laws:

As mandated by the Township Committee, no Maplewood Township department employee or official shall take part in the registration or reporting of individuals based on religion, race, ethnicity, national origin or immigration status.

The Operational Order confirms that the Maplewood Police Department's overriding mission is to enforce state and local criminal laws and to protect the community it serves, and not to administer federal immigration laws. The Federal Government is the only authority responsible for enforcement of immigration law.

The Maplewood Police Department shall adhere to the directives and guidelines of the New Jersey Attorney General with respect to the manner in which local law enforcement agencies interact with federal immigration authorities, including but not limited to New Jersey Attorney General's Directive 2007-3, which establishes the manner in which local, county and state law enforcement officers shall interact with federal immigration authorities.

The Maplewood Police Department like all other Township of Maplewood Departments, employees and officials shall not expend Township funds or resources to enforce federal immigration laws unless required by federal or state statutes, regulations, court decisions or directives and guidelines issued by the New Jersey Attorney General.

The Operational Order mandates that the Maplewood Police Department shall not be a party to or participate in immigration enforcement programs authorized under Section 287(g) of Title 8 United States Code 1357(g).

The Procedures Established in the Operational Order:

The Operational Order requires that all officers of the Maplewood Police Department learn, review as necessary and adhere to their restrictions and responsibilities for police officers established in Resolution 3-17, the Operational Order and in Directive 2007-3. Such responsibilities include:

- The fair and impartial treatment of victims, witnesses and all citizens irrespective of their immigration status;
- The requirement of officers to notify immigration authorities of an arrestee's citizenship, nationality and immigration status when an officer makes an arrest for an indictable crime or driving while intoxicated; and
- The prohibition of racial profiling and bias-based policing.

The Operational Order confirms that Maplewood Police officers are not responsible for and not authorized to conduct the enforcement of federal immigration laws, and that the federal government and its agencies are the authorities solely responsible for enforcement of federal immigration laws.

The Operational Order recognizes that federal immigration laws contain both civil and criminal aspects. Civil immigration violations include, for example, illegal presence and failure to depart after the expiration of a temporary visa. Criminal immigration violations include illegal entry, re-entry after deportation and failure to depart after an order of removal.

The Operational Order acknowledges that the Maplewood Police Department officers have no authority to arrest or unlawfully detain a person for a civil immigration violation. In fact, it points out specifically that municipal police officers lack qualified immunity in civil matters, and may be subject to legal action for

unlawful detention, even if acting in good faith.

The Operational Order also distinguishes between United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainers and warrants. It explains that a detainer is a request from I.C.E. and not a court-issued order if it is not supported by a criminal arrest warrant. An arrest warrant, on the other hand, is a legal order *issued by a court* that directs sworn law enforcement officers to deliver a specific individual by means of arrest before the appropriate court.

The Operational Order specifically prohibits Maplewood Police Department officers from detaining individuals based only upon a detainer and provides that no departmental resources will be expended to comply with a detainer.

When there is a validly issued arrest warrant, police officers have no discretion in deciding whether to arrest the individual named in the warrant and must take the named person into custody. This is true regardless of the nature of the criminal charge, immigration-related or otherwise. However, the Operational Order does require that officers verify the status and validity of an arrest warrant before executing it taking an individual into custody or delivering that individual to the court that issued the warrant.

Maplewood Police Department's Interactions with Federal Immigration Authorities:

The Maplewood Police Department shall provide the appropriate legally required level of assistance to federal authorities for immigration law enforcement consistent with the provisions of the Operational Order and *only when requested or for a non-immigration enforcement public safety emergency*.

The Operational Order sets forth the procedure to be followed when an officer receives a request from I.C.E. for police assistance in an enforcement operation. The request shall be referred to a Shift Commander. The Shift Commander, in consultation with a Captain and/or the Chief of Police, shall review the request and direct the proper police assistance based on the potential affects to the prevailing public safety circumstances.

For the purpose of tactical and safety reasons, officer(s) will be assigned to accompany the federal agents to the location of the enforcement activity, but *shall not take an active arrest role in the immigration enforcement action*. Maplewood Police Officers shall not enter a structure to arrest or interview or otherwise participate in an immigration enforcement action inside of any location, but may in the interest of public safety provide emergency police presence or assistance in case of a disturbance or other public safety concern that may arise as a result of the immigration enforcement action.

Officers will provide assistance in the form of information referrals and any other basic need or social service a resident may require as a result of the actions. Additionally, whenever possible, the local Director of Welfare Services should be provided the names and contact information of any adversely affected individuals so that assistance may be provided.

Immigration enforcement requests and immigration-related actions conducted by the Maplewood Police Department will be documented and a periodic report of immigration-related actions will be provided to the Township Committee.

Request for information from the public or press regarding immigration enforcement requests and immigration-related actions conducted by the Maplewood Police Department shall be directed to the Public Information Officer of the Police Department.

Training and Compliance

Every member of the Maplewood Police Department shall be provided written and in-person training regarding the responsibilities of officers and employees to comply with the provisions of the Operational Order and the provisions of Resolution 3-17.

The Training will reiterate the requirements of the New Jersey Attorney General's guidelines regarding immigration law enforcement prohibitions against racially biased policing and a review of New Jersey Civil Rights Law.

Ongoing training for officers to ensure fair and impartial policing the prohibition of racially influenced policing and the prohibiting of racial profiling shall be conducted in compliance with the New Jersey Attorney General's guidelines.

All Maplewood Police Department personnel sworn and civilian shall be responsible to adhere to the provisions of the Operational Order. Violations of the order or any police misconduct shall be reviewed and processed through the standard Internal Affairs policy and process of the Maplewood Police Department and in compliance with the New Jersey Attorney General's Guidelines on Internal Affairs.

The Operational Order will be reviewed by the Chief of Police annually for updating purposes.

Mr. Lembrich, stated that is the Operational Order summary as it stands now and as previously promised Mr. Lembrich will be making this summary available to the local media as well as any members of the public who request it and would like it sent to them individually.

Mayor De Luca, stated that they are now going to open the floor if anyone would like to come up and make a comment or ask a question.

Kelly Quirk, 152 Parker Avenue, Maplewood, Co-Chair at SOMA Actions Immigrants Rights Committee, stated I first want to thank our town's leadership for passing a Welcoming Resolution that reaffirms our communities commitment to our neighbors including those who are immigrants. I also want to take this time to publicly thank Chief Cimino who sat with myself and a representative from the local ACLU people power group prior to issuing his Directive to the community. We feel this is the truth teeth in any resolution.

Kelly Quirk, 152 Parker Avenue, Maplewood, Co-Chair at SOMA Actions Immigrants Rights Committee, stated upon hearing the summary, we want to thank Chief Cimino for spelling out the 287g prohibition which is glaringly no in the town's resolution. Having lived in another community that had a 287g agreement, I can attest to how it ruins community/police relations. And that is what we all want. I want to thank you for reiteration of strong anti-bias language, but would ask it be put together in one clear statement. We also appreciate the clear guidance regarding the difference between civil and criminal detainees.

Kelly Quirk, 152 Parker Avenue, Maplewood, Co-Chair at SOMA Actions Immigrants Rights Committee, stated we have a few suggestions.

1. To include language on U Visas and further to clarify with Essex County Prosecutor procedures regarding U Visas. If we all, including Chief Kroll would like all immigrants to feel welcome to report crimes, then we need this policy to be highlighted.
2. If the police are engaged in activity during an ICE raid, such as blocking a street, they do need someone with language proficiency to translate for community. Otherwise, the message will be seeing Maplewood Police and ICE as working together.
3. We would like to strongly encourage the police department to release the directive publicly. In South Orange we had a different process with Chief Kroll that was collaborative and in which we've seen a version of the draft.
4. We would also ask for what Chief Kroll was willing to give in South Orange which is a meeting every 6 months in which he discussed how many ICE requests had come in during the prior 6 month period. This type of data driven transparent process would do a lot to build community trust. We would ask hat Maplewood and South Orange have separate events. While these events often focus on the "touchy feely" part of being welcoming or sanctuary, we would argue that what we are asking for is actual data.

Kelly Quirk, 152 Parker Avenue, Maplewood, Co-Chair at SOMA Actions Immigrants Rights Committee, stated finally, if this directive is good, as you are indicating, let us praise it publicly. Let us be proud of it. Let us share it. Thank you for your continued work with us. Follow up for us is to provide the township with information regarding U Visas.

Mayor De Luca, stated to Ms. Quirk that the Township are going to release the directive.

Mr. Lembrich, stated to Ms. Quirk on U Visas thinks that is something the they want more information on in terms of the process and would like Ms. Quirk or someone from her group to share that information. And can tell the Township Committee what they can do with that process.

Kelly Quirk, 152 Parker Avenue, Maplewood, Co-Chair at SOMA Actions Immigrants Rights Committee, stated that they can provide Mr. Lembrich with that information.

Mayor De Luca, stated that they think that we just need to have some type of agreement with the Prosecution Office so that we all are clear on who going to be issuing.

Mr. Lembrich, stated to Ms. Quirk on the twice annual meetings thinks that it is only if the community wants would be worthwhile and does not necessarily agree that the two towns doing i separately is so essential and if it turns out that perference that Ms. Quirk has expressed tonight is wildly shared in the community then we can certainly consider that. And will be discussing with Chief Cimino, Chief of Maplewood Police and making sure that any MVP officer's who accompany or are present for an enforcement action should be someone there with language proficiency of the people who are likely to be impacted.

Mayor De Luca, stated that seeing no one further closed the hearing.

2. Recycle Containers and Porta Potties/FM

Mr. McGehee stated that in previous Township Committee meetings this subject was discussed. Discussed were two issues; one regarding the recycling containers and the fact that it was issue with debris on certain occassions on Monday's when recycling is being picked up. This was reviewed by the Engineering, Public Works and Planning Committee and the take away was that one, from a price perspective which would be a cost to our residents, this did not make sense. We will not be moving forward with that particular recommendation. Regarding Porta Potties it was reviewed as well by the Code Committee and the take away was the access that the trucks would need to empty porta potties which were initially discussed in the front lawn and on the side would be an issue as well and, therefore, logically would not work as well. They cannot get into rear yards to maintain the potties.

3. New Jersey Transit Summer Schedule Changes/VD

Mayor De Luca, stated that there are going to be a lot of changes taking place starting on July 10th and the information is going out today from a meeting that was held with New Jersey Transit at the Kearny Rail Operation which was a pretty impressive place where they move all the trains in New Jersey in this one operation room. But most importantly the trains from Maplewood will not be going directly into New York except for three (3) in the early part of the morning and there are a number of transfer options that people will have to exercise including jitney buses from South Orange. One of the things Mayor De Luca wanted to raise was preparing some type of contingency plan to see if we could move people to South Orange. The bus option is going to be a challenge and not to mention the traffic and one specific thing Mayor De Luca wanted to recommend is that the Township Committee change the parking regulations which now exist for Dunnell Road. But if the Township is going to have three (3) trains one at 5 am, one at 5:15 am and one at 6:18 am that is going to mean people want to take an earlier train are going to have to park before 6 am. Mayor De Luca would suggest to pass a motion tonight to allow parking earlier than 6 am on the streets near the Train Station where commuter parking permits are designated.

Mr. McGehee asked was there any comment when we met with New Jersey Transit Authorities about the positive train control?

Mayor De Luca answered that it did not come up yet. They did receive a grant and we can follow-up on that.

4. Proposed Parking Ordinance for Tuscan Road/NA

Ms. Adams reported that what the Engineering Committee talked about was several issues with Tuscan Road and parking. The Township Engineer suggested stripping parking spaces along the southside of Tuscan Road and that made people start parking there including commuter's.

Mr. McGehee, stated that he went ahead and had conversation with four (4) residents that actually live on Tuscan Road and their comments were almost universal and the take away is that they would be in favor of a two hour ban because of several concerns, and one is obviously safety in the morning during Tuscan's school drop off while the Middle School students are walking to school, no commuter parking as well and also having the ability to have people enjoy their homes. One of the four (4) residents did say that they may not have seen a lot of commuter traffic but were indifferent and thought that it would be a value of moving forward with the flexibility of the block. The residents are in favor.

5. Paris Climate Accord/NA

Ms. Adams stated that many Mayor's and Governing Bodies across the Country have reacted to President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Accord. Ms. Adams thought it was important that the Township discuss this and pass a resolution to state the Township Committee's goals, objectives, and steps. This would ask local residents to do their part and step up their own efforts. There are practices in the Township including using more green processes, or actions and purchases. There is an example of Public Works already purchasing specific items in order to be more green in their actions and replacement equipment. Ms. Adams stated lastly that she thinks it is important that the Township Committee make a statement.

Mayor De Luca, stated that he agrees too and sent a couple of statements today that reflect that the Township Committee did adopt in 2007 the Climate Action and also recognized the Township is a Silver Certification from Sustainable Jersey.

A resolution will be presented at the next meeting of the Governing Body.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor De Luca asked Ms. Elizabeth Fritzen, Township Clerk to explain from the Consent Agenda items Number 2 and 3.

Ms. Fritzen, Township Clerk, stated that numbers 2 and 3 from the Consent Agenda all deal with the former Nilsatis Inc., ABC License which is a plenary retail consumption license, and then ultimately it will be transferred to 5 Highland Place Associates. However, the State of New Jersey ABC contacted the Maplewood Township Clerk's office and indicated that at least two steps were never followed through by the previous seller or the buyer. These were things that were not done by the previous licensee, the renewal term of 2014-15 and the transfer in that same year. Once the Township Committee considers these two items on the Consent Agenda tonight, the current owner of the license has to complete a 12 page application and publish twice in the local newspaper. Then refile their 12 page application, publish again twice in the Maplewood/South Orange News Record.

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that these are affectively bookkeeping issues that the State ABC would like for the Township to do. They did not get the renewal for 2014-15 and that is one of the issues, and it will bring it more current. They want the person-to-person transfer from Nilsatis to 5 Highland Place Associates. It does not reinstate the license, it does not rescend the Township's determination do not have the license go forward. This is just issues that need to be cleared up, and Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney was involved in a conversation with Counsel for the State of New Jersey ABC and Ms. Fritzen, Township Clerk was involved with the conversation as well. What they simply asked us to do is to do these

two resolutions that are on the consent agenda tonight that just brings the license more in line with the requirements of the State ABC. It does not in anyway effect the Township Committee's prior decision.

Mr. Lembrich, seconded by Mr. McGehee, to make a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda in total.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mr. Lembrich, Mr. McGehee sustain on item number 9 and 10 and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: None

Motion carries.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT - ANY SUBJECT MATTER

Audrey Rowe, 32 Oberlin Street, Maplewood, Program Director for the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race, stated that she wanted to make the Township Committee and the community aware of two very important events coming up shortly. As an organization and a community that is committed through integration, inclusion and equity it is important that we have honest open conversations about race and privilege. The Community Coalition on Race has invited you and the community to join us in such an discussion coming up very shortly on June 15, 2017. It will be held at the Maplewood Memorial Library in Memorial Hall from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Audrey Rowe, 32 Oberlin Street, Maplewood, Program Director for the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race, stated the second event is a real world opportunity for us to deal with fears and misconceptions that we might have about ourselves and about our neighbors who come from other cultural backgrounds and this will be done through entertainment and education at this years Cross Weeks Fest which will be on Saturday, June 24, 2017 on Floods Hill in South Orange with a rain date of that Sunday. This is a free event and what is different this year is that we are focusing not just on entertainment we are actually going to have cultural ambassador's that represent the demographics of our two towns of Maplewood and South Orange. Where people can start to have interactions and have a better understanding of day to day differences.

Audrey Rowe, 32 Oberlin Street, Maplewood, Program Director for the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race, stated the second thing that she would like to address is comments about the Maplewood Police force. The Coalition on Race would like to commend the Maplewood Police Department on their handling of recent events in the Township. Given that Maplewood and South Orange are increasingly becoming preferred hangouts and not only for the towns own youth but for our youthful neighbors. The Community Coalition does request that the Township Committee proactively develop a sustainable plan before July 4th that does the following:

1. That supports continued measured and courteous service by our local Police Officers in large crowd situations and that incorporates additional best practices for crowd management.
2. That develops de-escalation Training and practices for all local police officer's and that develops and communicate these practices and expectations to neighboring police forces with whom we have reciprical agreements. For assistantcs should we meet our response capacity become exhausted and as all noted not only in Maplewood and South Orange but in other townships when these crowd situations become very large and very often it is necessary to call in other forces who may not have the same sensitivities that we have. It requires that we proactively share our expectations with them before and when it actually occurs. We thank the Maplewood Police Force and look forward to a response to the Coalition on Race's request.

Mayor De Luca responded that he wanted to let everyone know that if it rains on July 4th this year that it is not an automatic reschedule to the next day, July 5th. There is a 90 day window with the contractor to have the fireworks if it does rain on July 4th. So if the Township cancels on the 4th we will pick a date cooperatively with the Civic Association staff and it may be scheduled for another time in July, maybe a time in August or it may even be a date in September. That will help because we won't have Police preparations two nights in a row.

Audrey Rowe, 32 Oberlin Street, Maplewood, Program Director for the South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race, stated that she appreciates that and the preparation that the Township makes for such large scale events.

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

15. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Mayor De Luca, stated that the Township Committee recieved Financing/Refinancing of Debt Notes from the Chief Financial Officer.

16. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Manning, Township Administrator reported on the Maplewood Farmer's Market which has moved to a new location on Springfield Avenue. The first day it was very successful and this seems to be a new great location. Mr. Manning wanted to thank the Assistant Administrator Sonia Alves-Viveiros for all the help and all that she did to coordinate with the other department heads; Calvin Bell, Director of Public Works, Paul Kittner, Township Engineer, and to the Maplewood Police Department.

Ms. Adams asked Mr. Manning, Township Administrator, for an update on the organic farmer? There is room and there have been requests for an Organic Farmer.

Mr. Manning, Township Administrator, stated that they will work that in and also that they do sell organic fruits and Mr. Manning and Ms. Alves-Viveiros will both look into it.

Ms. Desiderio, Township Attorney, no report.

Ms. Fritzen, Township Clerk, stated that the Township had a successful election day yesterday and the day went extremely well. There only were a few machines issues once the polls actually closed. Ms. Fritzen added that once again the election staff was terrific back at the Town Hall once the polls closed for tallying of the results and so forth.

Ms. Fritzen, Township Clerk, stated that on June 20th, which is the next Township Committee meeting, that meeting will be held at the Maplewood Police and Court Building, located at 1618 Springfield Avenue. Meeting will be held here until the second meeting in September. The Township Committee meetings come back to Town Hall with the first meeting in October. All meeting dates at the Police and Court building have been advertised according to law.

Ms. Fritzen, Township Clerk reported that the renewal resolutions are scheduled for the ABC annual renewals for Plenary Retail Distribution licenses, Plenary Retail Consumption licenses and the one club license for the June 20, 2017 Township Committee meeting. Township Departments have reported no violations on any of the renewals; Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Municipal Court, Finance Department, and Building Department.

17. REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. McGehee stated that he wanted to recognize the Moms-to-be in action for a wonderful and heartfelt event this past Friday at the Gazebo, Maplecrest Park had a event about gun awareness was very important for our community and the greater communties here in Essex County.

Mr. McGehee, stated he also wanted to thank former Sergeant Mike Morrison for his work for the youth of our community with the open gym nights. The events will continue, but will have events on a less frequent basis this summer and fall, but will be adding the Maplewood Mentor's Program so other non-athletic events as well.

Mr. McGehee, stated that he would like to recognize the work done by the Sustainability Committee on the Rockway Project and that they are moving forward with some great ideas and concepts and are very

excited.

Mr. Mc. Gehee stated that he wanted to make an announcement about Ladies Night Out and hopes all the ladies will attend.

Mr. McGehee stated finally that he will be having office hours at 12:30 pm this Sunday at the Maplewood Diner.

Mr. Lembrich stated that as Ms. Fritzen, Township Clerk spoke about earlier the election day was yesterday and he wanted to thank Liz Fritzen, Township Clerk and her wonderful team of election staff in the Clerk's office and all of the other folks who became Clerk Office employee's for the day. Mr. Lembrich, stated that he also wanted to offer his congratulations to all the successful candidates yesterday in particular here in Maplewood; Dean Dafis, and our Mayor; Victor De Luca and Mike Summersgill. Mr. Lembrich would also like to thank everyone in Maplewood and also in South Orange and other local communities who came out to vote yesterday. These off year elections are always tough but hopefully the numbers yesterday will grow in the fall.

Mr. Lembrich, stated that our County Representative Liason was not here tonight but does want to mention that the Lion and Hyena Exhibit will soon be opening at the Turtle Back Zoo. It is very exciting and Mr. Lembrich is planning to attend the opening next Monday. If anyone has not been to the Turtle Back Zoon now is the time to take the opportunity.

Mr. Lembrich reported that the pool which Mr. Lembrich is proud to report successfully opened for the season this past weekend and even though the weather was not as sunny or warm as we would have hoped, the slides are up and running, the water is refreshing and membership is still available. If anyone wants to sign up for the pool please do so. This is another great asset of the Maplewood community and residents should take advantage of it.

Mr. Lembrich indicated that lastly he wanted to talk about parking. Mr. Lembrich thinks everyone in Maplewood knows that parking especially in Maplewood Village is challenging right now with the construction going on. Mr. Lembrich wants to ensure everyone that the Township is really trying to work with developer, with contractors, and with all the people doing work around the Village. The Township actually created special signs and special parking areas further out from the Village, that the workers are supposed to be using, Maplewood Police have added on special details for parking enforcement. Mr. Lembrich has been assured that construction related vehicles who are parking where they are not supposed to park are regularly being told to move and/or ticketed. Mr. Lembrich wanted to give out a few reminders and points and information to folks about parking. Generally in Maplewood but also specifically in the Village. We have the wonderful benefit here to our residents and guest free parking but we also with that benefit comes responsibility and please do not park illegally, do not take up mutiple spots or park over lines, don't create lines spots if you can't find one, particularly do not block streets, sidewalks, driveways, intersections etc. Mr. Lembrich stated finally that he received clarification from Maplewood's Police Chief that you cannot use a box to save a spot for a driver of another car who is not present. This is illegal and is against township ordinance and it is also against State law and Maplewood Police will be enforcing that and will issue citations.

Ms. Adams, stated she wanted to congratulate Dean Dafis and Vic De Luca for their primary election victories.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ending 10:05 PM. To meet again Tuesday, June 20, 2017 PM at the Maplewood Police and Court Building, 1618 Springfield Avenue, Maplewood, N.J.