

6/20/2017 - Minutes

1. SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

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

2. STATEMENT

"Pursuan 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, 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 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, Mrs. Larrier, Mr. Lembrich, Mr. McGehee and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: None

4. MAYORS INTRODUCTION

Mayor De Luca gave an overview of the evening's agenda. Mayor De Luca stated that the Township Committee meeting is now being held for the summer at the Maplewood Police and Court Building. And for those of you who want to know why the Township Committee has meetings at the Court and Police Building is because there is no air conditioning in the Town Hall Committee room. For the Township Committee's benefit and for the benefit of those who attend the Township Committee has moved it's summer meetings to the Court and Police Building so that we can all enjoy the air conditioning. This schedule will continue thru the second meeting in September. We will return to the Municipal Building for the first meeting in October. Mayor De Luca stated that if you have Verizon fios at home we are not sure you are able to see us because the Township Committee has been told that they were not able to make the link connection between the Court and Police Building and their main feed at Town Hall. We do

have Comcast broadcasting fine and we also are live on YouTube. The Township Committee has the pleasure of appointing by motion and swearing in a new Deputy Chief in Maplewood's Fire Department and after that there is a public comment and will invite the Township's Historic Preservation Chair Virginia Kurshan to come up first because she has something special to tell the Township Committee. Then have a new ordinance regarding time limit parking on Tuscan Road. There are four (4) discussion items; the first will be the repair of the Paddle Tennis Court from the Open Space Trust Fund, talking about a resolution recommended to us by the Maplewood Affordable Housing Board for support for building a thriving New Jersey. We will talk a little bit about the New Jersey Transit summer train service and what the Township is doing to prepare for that. And lastly, we will discuss a decision by the Union Board of Adjustment regarding the former Hawk's Tavern on Springfield Avenue in Union and how that might affect some of Maplewood's residential streets and residents.

Mayor De Luca, stated there is a consent agenda and after that the Township Committee is going to pull item number 3, Resolution 105-17 which is a resolution supporting the principles of the Paris Climate Accord and we will be voting on that separately. The other items on the consent agenda include the contractor for a telephone upgrade, computer services, a website upgrade, video and computer equipment at the Police Department, approving liquor licenses; consumption licenses, distribution licenses and a club license for the term 2017- 2018. We will vote on the issue of the Paddle Board Tennis Court, contract with Waste Management and three contracts with the DPW to purchase items; one is a stump grinder, another is an asphalt compactor and the third is a line stripper. Will be approving bills and claims and then will close the WAWA site contract as the improvements have been completed, a contract for uniform security services at the Library and then we will approve the minutes from June 7th. The second public comment period, administrative reports and reports from elected officials.

Mayor De Luca, wanted to mention that there will be during the administrative reports, a report from Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney. Mr. Desiderio will report on work that the Township Committee has been doing almost for a year now in looking at the issue that occurred July 5, 2016 after the fireworks. There was an incident that raised some concerns in the community and for the Township Committee. There was some Internal Affairs investigation done by the Essex County Prosecutor and that process has run its course. There is still some Internal Affairs work that is being done within the Maplewood Police Department. The Township Committee decided that we wanted to get an independent assessment of the July 5, 2016 incident. What policies were in place at the time, what policies were adhered to, what policies were not adhered to and what we can do better so that this does not happen again.

Mayor De Luca stated the Township Committee has spoken to some former judges, attorney's and then got a recommendation about a firm out of Illinois that has been working around the Country on many of these similar incidents. The Township is going to be retaining a firm of Hillard Heintz. This evening the Township Committee has gotten their proposal and Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney will report on that.

5. APPOINTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE MAPLEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENTEN Richard C. Salkowski

Mr. Lembrich, seconded by Mrs. Larrier, would like to move that the Township Committee appoint Richard C. Salkowski as Deputy Chief of the Maplewood Fire Department.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

6. OATH OF OFFICE - Administered To Deputy Chief Salkowski By The Township Clerk

The Township Clerk administered the Oath Of Office to Deputy Chief Richard C. Salkowski.

Deputy Chief Salkowski thanked the Mayor and Governing Body and also introduced his family and thanked everyone for their support.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Virginia Kurshan, Maplewood Historic Preservation Chair made a presentation to the Township Committee.

Ms. Kurshan presented a Certificate of Appreciation for the Township's contributions to the Federal Preservation Partnership. The Township of Maplewood is congratulated on being a Certified Local Government and partner in the Federal Preservation Program since September 4, 2002.

The Mayor and Governing Body congratulated Ms. Kurshan and the Historic Preservation Commission for their many successes.

Wendy Lauter, 28 Sommer Avenue, Maplewood, stated that the brief point that Ms. Lauter would like to make is even though she only lives a half of a mile from the train station, she does work odd hours, Ms. Lauter works odd hours and does get a commuter parking permit to park near the train station. Ms. Lauter drives through Baker onto Valley and depending on the time of day it gets a little frustrating with that light there on Valley Street and Baker Street. Ms. Lauter then made a few suggestions to the Township Committee regarding the length of the light, and no turn on red.

Ms. Lauter was thanked for her comments.

Bob Eager, 37 Euclid Avenue, Maplewood, stated that they have been working on this project (Paddle Tennis Courts) for quite a while and obviously he is here tonight because his group would like to see the courts brought up to a good playing standard. Mr. Eager says he loves this Town is that they play in leagues and people come from all over New Jersey to come to play at the Maplewood courts and the first impressions are really important. When people come to play the facility needs to not have a shabby look, and their need to be some bathroom facilities. Mr. Eager thinks that this is an appropriate expenditure and not a huge amount of money and would urge the Township Committee to do that and lets put our best foot forward and make the courts look good and he urges the Township Committee to approve.

Mayor De Luca suggested that Paddle Tennis players use the Fire Department facilities.

John Knapp, 20 Euclid Avenue, Maplewood, stated that he has lived in Maplewood for 22 years and has played paddle tennis for years and played on the same court and would like for the Township Committee to really think about enhancing the courts and the safety of the courts.

David Huemer, 26 Nelson Place, Maplewood, stated that he hopes that the Township Committee approves the money. It has been over 20 years since any significant expenditures have been made on the courts. We have now gone from a couple of men's and women's teams to 6 teams; 4 men's and two women's teams plus twenty-five to fifty people participating.

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

8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCE

The Township Clerk read by title.

NA/VD INTRODUCTION OF A NEW ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2866-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 257 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

"Interpretive Statement"

(This ordinance will implement time limit parking on Tuscan Road between Valley Street and Prospect Street.)

Ms. Adams, seconded by Mayor De Luca, 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 5, 2017.

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.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Paddle Tennis Open Space Trust Fund Budget Allocation/FM

Mr. McGehee stated that this is a sport that is enjoyed by many residents in Town and abutting Towns as well and that it is an up and coming sport in a lot of ways. Mr. McGehee plays tennis and is interested in playing paddle tennis in the future. This was something that was approved before and was originally from the Recreation Department as well as Open Trust Fund. Mr. McGehee thinks that the Township Committee needs to move forward and go ahead and approve this money tonight so that we can get these paddle tennis courts up to snuff so that we can have a competitive event.

Mayor De Luca asked Mr. McGehee do you know how much we are talking about?

Mr. McGehee stated \$35,600.00.

Mr. Manning, Township Administrator, stated that there is a resolution authorizing this tonight on the Township Committee agenda.

Mr. McGehee, seconded Ms. Adams, a motion that the Township move funding to support the Open Space Trust Fund to support the Paddle Tennis Courts.

Mayor De Luca asked if there was any further discussion?

Ms. Adams just wanted to make sure that everyone understands that the Open Space Trust Fund Committee did also approve this and that the Recreation Advisory Committee did so as well.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

2. Support for Building a Thriving New Jersey Resolution /VD

Mayor De Luca stated that he sent out information that he received from the Housing Community Development Network of New Jersey and it is a draft resolution essentially supporting more affordable housing in the State, investing 600 million into homes. This will deal with foreclosures and house holds that are in need of affordable housing and they come up to that 600 million total by making sure that the money that we currently have allocated for housing is not diverted by the Governor. Also to get housing up and running as a major issue for the next administration in 2018. This was recommended to the Township Committee by the Affordable Housing Board which met last week. It should be noted also that Assembly members Jacey and McKeon have also signed on.

Mayor De Luca, seconded by Mr. McGehee, move that the Township Committee support the Building a Thriving New Jersey.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 122-17

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BUILDING A THRIVING NEW JERSEY

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

3. Update on New Jersey Transit Summer Train Service/VD

Mayor De Luca gave an update regarding New Jersey Transit Summer Train Service. We met last week internally with the Director of the Department of Public Works and Maplewood Police Captains to talk about what the Township will be able to do in response. The Township is now looking to provide early morning Jitney service so that we are able to get people to the 5:04 am and 5:49 am train which are the direct trains to New York. The Township is looking to start the Jitney service starting at 4:45 am and then see if there is any interest in continuing it. That is the Township's plan to get people to the train as early as possible and the rest of the morning schedule is going to be tweaked. The express trains going to Hoboken; those are trains that have maybe one or two stops at most between Maplewood and Hoboken, they are leaving just about the same time the New York trains leave and the Maplewood Jitney might not have to be tweaked that much, maybe a little bit here and there.

Mayor De Luca stated that in the evening there will have to be a little more revision because the trains are going to be coming right after one another and it does take roughly a half hour to complete the jitney route.

We will work this out as we go forward and are also looking to hire a fifth driver. The new jitney will take people from the Maplewood Train Station to the South Orange Train Station if they are interested in taking the bus. The Township thinks that we can do roughly three round trips in an hour. Additionally, the Police Department is going to issue an order that the existing commuter parking permit streets which now have a limitation of no parking earlier than 6 am will be lifted to allow parking beginning at about 4:45 a.m.

Mayor De Luca stated that he spoke with Sarah Lester, Director of the Memorial Library, and the library is going to be making available work space and meeting space on a reservation basis and will be doing more of it at both buildings. If need be we will open earlier than 10 am to allow people to go in to the Library and to have business meetings or video conferencing. Lastly, today we publicized our letter "Take the letter to the teach" and this essentially tells employers in New York City what is going on. This is a pro-active approach and South Orange is going to take a similar approach.

Mayor De Luca further stated that on the bus service the Township was unable to get Transit to provide buses to New York from Maplewood and it has to do with that Maplewood does not have a bus now from the Maplewood Train Station where South Orange does have buses and that is the reason why it is in South Orange. But Mayor De Luca was contacted by Skedaddle and that is the bus that is a private bus system and they would be willing to come into Maplewood on a private venture, and it is all done on a demand bases. Skedaddle is interested in creating a bus service for anyone and it would be at a premium and would not be able to use your New Jersey Transit Tickets. The only thing tha Skedaddle would need from us is just letting people know that it exist and letting them have a boarding and departure spot. Skedaddle will actually take people into New York and drop them off at Penn Station New York and Skedaddle will do all of this without having to go through any regulatory process on the New York side because Skedaddle will be idling for less than 15 minutes on the New York side. Some other private entities are also interested in possible services.

Mr. Lembrich stated to Mayor De Luca that when residents buy their weekly and monthly passes there is some talk of a discount and some talk of buying Hoboken as opposed to buying New York but the Hoboken pass for July and August will still work to get to New York.

Mayor De Luca, stated yes and this is how it will work. Yesterday was the first day that you can start doing mail-ins and that you should buy a Hoboken monthly or weekly and it will be discounted and it is \$91.00 for a Hoboken monthly. You will be able to use that Hoboken pass from July 1st to July 10th to go directly into New York and come home from New York. On July 10th you will be able to use that to go to Hoboken and also on those three New York trains in the morning. We are urging people to do this on the weekdays if you are a daily traveler to buy a round trip pass because the Ferry Dock and the Path Station do not have terminals to sell New Jersey Transit Tickets. You can also download the app.

Mr. Lembrich indicated that the Hoboken tickets will be good for the Path or for the Ferry.

Mayor De Luca, stated that Hoboken will be good for the Path, Ferry or the 126 bus at Port Authority.

4. Request from residents of Raymond Terrace and May Terrace in registering concerns regarding potential negative impact on Maplewood residents from a new restaurant approved by the Union Board of Adjustment for the former Hawk's Tavern on Springfield Avenue in Union/VD

Mayor De Luca stated that the Township got a request from some Maplewood residents from Raymond Terrace and May Terrace; and these are streets that Maplewood shares with Union Township. Hawk's Tavern on Springfield Avenue in Union has been closed for a while and now they are going to be building a large restaurant on that site. Some of the Maplewood residents are very concerned that it is an undersized lot, and there will be parking concerns. Union Township is providing them with some parking at a public lot on Springfield Avenue. The Maplewood residents are concerned that this approval will have a negative impact on their quality of life; parking concerns and more traffic on the Maplewood streets. The residents of Raymond Terrace and May Terrace have just asked the Township Committee to be supportive of them and to write to the Union Township Board of Adjustment expressing the Township's concern about the potential negative impacts on residents on those streets. The Maplewood residents are planning to appeal the decision of the Union Board of Adjustment. Maybe the Township Committee doesn't have to send anything to the Union Board of Adjustment and instead send something to the Union Township Committee saying that if and when this becomes a problem that Maplewood Township would collectively work together to try and resolve this. It will send a message to Union if this becomes a problem lets sit down and figure it out and work together.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor De Luca stated that the Township Committee has taken out item 3 from the Consent Agenda; Resolution 105-17 which the Township Committee will vote on separately and has already approved Resolution 112-17.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 112-17

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

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

Nays: None.

Mrs. Larrier, seconded by Mr. Lembrich, motion to approve the items on the consent agenda.

Ayes: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Larrier with the exception of the minutes from the last meeting, Mr. Lembrich, Mr. McGehee and Mayor De Luca.

Nays: None.

Motion carries.

Mayor De Luca stated Resolution 105-17 - Supporting the Principles of the Paris Climate Accord.

Ms. Adams, stated that she feels that the Township Committee feels the same about the President pulling out on the Paris Climate Accord and that the Township wants to commit locally to do what the Township can to deal with the climate changes. Thinking and acting locally and all the other green practices that the Township does. Ms. Adams wants to ask her colleagues to support this and send another message.

Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Lembrich, move to have the Township Committee to support and send another message supporting the Principles of the Paris Climate Accord.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

Mayor De Luca stated that he sent the information that the Township Committee received from Tracey Woods, Green Team Chair, that they are still in a group from the Bloomberg Philanthropy and from American Progress, Climate Mayor's, National League of Cities and that the Township of Maplewood will be a signatory to that now.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT - ANY SUBJECT MATTER

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

12. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

No Reports from Departments.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Manning, Township Administrator, reported that the Township is getting ready for the July 4th celebration which is sponsored by the Maplewood Civic Association. Mr. Manning needs a motion from the Township Committee to approve the agreement which the Township has every year with the Maplewood Civic Association.

Mrs. Larrier moved, and seconded by Mr. Lembrich, motion to move the approval of the agreement by the Maplewood Civic Association - 4th of July Committee and the Township Committee.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

Mr. Manning, Township Administrator, reported that the Township of Maplewood have been meeting with the Village of South Orange to come to some sort of an agreement through a study to combine fire services between the two Towns. We have requested that the Department of Community Affairs help us to get over different hurdles that we may have to move this forward. They have agreed to do that and if the Township Committee could do a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding.

Mr. McGehee seconded by Mr. Lembrich, motion to approve the memorandum of understanding.

Mayor De Luca asked was there any discussion? None.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carries.

Mr. Manning, Township Administrator, stated that the Maplewood Farmer's Market is now situated in another location and that it is thriving and there are a lot of people there and he is very pleased with it. It is every month on Monday from 2 pm until 7 pm on Springfield Avenue 1848-1852 Springfield Avenue, Maplewood. During the week when it is not being used for the Farmer's Market on Monday's it is a parking lot to help shoppers park in the area.

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that for many months the Township has been seeking a person or entity to conduct an assessment of the July 5, 2016 events following the 4th of July celebration. (which was held on July 5, 2017) In that regard Mr. McGehee recommend a firm from Chicago and the Township was in touch with this firm. Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, then gave a little background presentation of Mr. Hillard's firm. Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that all of the recommendations about Mr. Hillard's firm were stellar, they delivered the product in a timely fashion professionally and on budget. The Governing Body expressed some concern that because they were out of State that the expenses might be somewhat high. Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney asked Mr. Hillard's firm for a break down of expenses, out of pocket expenses, and the Hillard firm came up with the amount of \$5,850.00 of expenses for a total of \$34,850.00. It is Mr. Desiderio's understanding that the Governing Body is willing to entertain a resolution to appoint the Hillard Firm to perform the services at an amount not to exceed \$34,850.00.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 121-17

RESOLUTION APPOINTING HILLARD HEINTZE TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE JULY 5, 2016 INCIDENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD

Mr. Lembrich, seconded by Ms. Adams, move to approve the resolution number 121-17.

Mayor De Luca, asked was there any further discussion? None.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, reported that there is a problem with an Elite Properties building and that they are seeking some relief as a result of exceeding the height limitation with regard to it. There has been some discussion concerning and coming to a amicable resolution where in the Township would get some benefit by virtue of a contribution to be made by Elite Properties in the amount of \$23,000.00 for affectively baring a waiver or a deviation of the height which is 14 inches. Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney would like to get a motion from the Township Committee approving the concept of resolving the matter for the \$23,000.00 and Mr. Desiderio will try and work through the issues to try to get this done appropriately.

Mayor De Luca, seconded by Mr. Lembrich, move to approve the concept of resolving the matter for the \$23,000.00 from Elite Properties.

Mayor De Luca, asked were there any discussion?

Ms. Adams, stated that she needed clarification on wether or not that \$23,000.00 has to be designated for a specific project or is it just at the Township Committee's discession?

Mr. Desiderio, Township Attorney, stated that it is his understanding that it will be a contribution to the Township and that it was never allocated for anything specific.

No further discussion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carries.

Ms. Fritzen, Township Clerk, stated that the Township had several filmings within the Township in the last couple of weeks and that they have all gone smoothly. They are mostly residential in the home and expects to have one tomorrow that is residential and at the stores up on Ridgewood Road.

14. REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Lembrich stated with regard to the State Aid for Education which is an issue that Mr. Lembrich has been keeping close tabs on with several other members given the great large impact that the State Aid or more or accurately lack of State Aid has on the South Orange/Maplewood School District. You may recall in prior meetings the Township Committee has actually passed a resolution supporting a bill that was put forward by our Assembly Members Mila Jacey and John McKeon last year. They have also discussed some other proposals including State Senate President Sweeney and from the Assembly Speaker.

Mr. Lembrich is pleased to report that mid-last week a long last compromise was reached between the leadership of the State Senate and the State Assembly on a budget appropriation that will be a good first step in Mr. Lembrich's view. It does not even come close to solving the issue of both the inadequacy of State funding and the inequality of State education aid but it is a good first step. This bill if it goes forward because it has been proposed would give an extra \$271,000.00 approximately to the South Orange/Maplewood schools for this upcoming year. The hope is that in future years either through additional tax revenues the State can bring in or provide additional redistribution of State Aid which may be possible with future negotiations that the Town and district can do under funded districts around the State. There is a budget caucus meeting tomorrow in Trenton and hopefully it will go to the Governor's desk after a vote which should happen this month.

Mr. Lembrich reported that out of the Public Safety Committee, we had an opportunity last week to do a further review of the operational order implementing the Welcoming Community resolution. We were able to incorporate and discuss with the Chief of Police the feedback that the Committee got back from the last Township Committee meeting which was very helpful. The Chief of Police was able to get some helpful additional information from the Essex County Prosecutor's Office to help us clarify some of the issues in the operational order. The order can be made public and the plans are to do that by the end of this month.

Mrs. Larrier, no report.

Ms. Adams, no report.

Mr. McGehee reported that he would like to recognize a food drive that his wife Marie McGehee is doing this summer for Our Lady of Sorrow Church. Mrs. McGehee is trying to collect 1500 items of food this summer. The collection dates are now through Labor Day and the location of the drop off is 8 Carlton Court from 6 am until 9 pm. The type of items that they are looking to collect are bagged or boxed rice, peanut butter, low sugar cereal, low sugar veggies, fresh produce on Friday's if possible, and other plastic or brown bags with handles so that they can carry the stuff. Also shelf stable milk and or powdered box. And if you do have the opportunity to drop off an item or two the McGehee's would really appreciate it. There are about 150 families that are fed at Our Lady of Sorrows Church but with the summer months and vacationing the inventory in the pantry at Our Lady of Sorrows Church does decrease. Mr. McGehee thanked all for their generosity.

Mayor De Luca reported that tomorrow night, June 21, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Maplewood Gazebo the Hilton Neighbor Association will be having their meeting at the Gazebo with the Community Band playing. It is the 22nd Anniversary of the Hilton Neighborhood Association. Come on by there will be cake, music and a good time.

Mayor De Luca, stated that this Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 12 noon to 5 pm at Floods Hill in South Orange, is the Community Coalition on Race Cross Roots Fest. It's ethnic dancers, music, food, merchandize and fun for the entire family.

Mayor De Luca added that the 4th of July for this year; the ceremony will be on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 and it starts off with the bike parade which will start off at Ricalton Square. At 7:30 am is the 4th of July 5K Run, 9 am is the opening ceremonies in the park, 9:15 am are relays and dashes and art show, car showing, all day food courts and amusements. The Circus is at 3:30 pm and 6 pm and there are going to be two stages one in the south field for the Fire Works where the main events will be and a stage two in the north field and there will a lot of stuff going on, and there will be baking contest, robotics, pet show, eating contest, talent show and pony rides and the dunk tank. The Township Committee meeting will be the next day, Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at the Maplewood Police and Court Building.

Mayor De Luca, stated that the Township Committee has been in contact with the School Board about the lead testing at schools and Robert Roe, Maplewood Health Officer has been involved, Candice Davenport, Maplewood Nurse also has been involved and the Township Committee has asked Mr. Roe and Candice Davenport to go to the meetings. The Township is also going to be testing our own water fountains on the Municipal side just to be safe.

Mayor De Luca stated that the School District has submitted a letter of interest to the entity that owns Marylawn school that closed on Scotland Road in South Orange. The Township Committee will be writing a letter of support and that there seems to be a competitive process for the purchase of that property. There is an effort by the school district to purchase land that already is tax exempt and can be retro fitted to handle some of the needs that we have from the district.

Mayor De Luca reported on an invitation for Eagle Scout Court of Honor this Saturday, June 24, 2017 to be held at Columbia High School at 1:30 pm. There will be five (5) Scouts that are going to be Awarded the Eagle Scout honor.

Mayor De Luca stated that this Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 9 am at the Indiana Street Lot, the Springfield Avenue Partnership will be having a clean up of the Avenue and if you want to come out and put some gloves on and carry around a garbage bag we will be walking up and down and cleaning up the Avenue.

Mayor De Luca stated lastly, at the Township Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, Bob Boneberg who spoke with the Township Committee a while ago on Slave Free Communities will be here and Mr. Boneberg has provided the Township Committee with a proclamation that the Township Committee is looking at now. A proclamation is to be presented on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at the next Township Committee meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 8:55 PM. To meet again on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Maplewood Police and Court Building, 1618 Springfield Avenue, Maplewood, N.J.