

**TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 7:30 PM**

MINUTES

Regular meeting begins at 7:30 pm or immediately following Closed Session, whichever comes last.

OPENING; ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lance. Those present were Mr. Avery, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Van Valkenburg, Mrs. Waldron, and Mayor Lance. Also present were Township Clerk, Linda Leidner, and Township Attorney, Dawn Sullivan.

The **FLAG SALUTE** was conducted.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Mayor Lance read the following statement: Notice of this meeting has been sent to two newspapers of general circulation in which notice was given of the date, time, place and general agenda in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Resolution No. 2018-072 AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION – for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and personnel.

Motion to authorize executive session was made at 6:32p.m. by Mrs. Dalton and was seconded by Mrs. Waldron.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.

All ayes – Motion carried.

Executive Session began 6:32p.m.

Motion to close executive session was made at 7:29 p.m. by Mrs. Waldron and was seconded by Mr. Avery

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.

All ayes – Motion carried.

Regular Session began at 7:29 p.m.

Results of the executive session were detailed by Mayor Lance. There was discussion regarding Zoning violations around Blairstown. There was also a discussion about distributing Open Space money to purchase property on Mohican Road totaling 366 acres. The Township would commit \$165,000.00 from a Green Acres Grant and \$200,000.00 from Open Space Funds.

Motion was made by Mrs. Waldron to approve the purchase of Mohican Farms Block 1, Lots 1,5,9 committing \$165,000.00 from Green Acres Grant and \$200,000.00 from Open Space Funds; which was seconded by Mr. Avery.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.

All ayes – Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

1. Jeanette Iurato - 2 Heller Hill Road – Mrs. Iurato wanted to give the Committee an update on the 50 Route 94 property. The Sheriff's sale for the property will be held during the fourth quarter and then the property will default to the Iurato's.

Mrs. Iurato also reported that she has a possible solution for parking during events that are held in the village. Mrs. Iurato noted that the property behind the Alpine building is used for parking during the July 4th event. This would be a perfect location for overflow parking for other events. Mrs. Iurato indicated that she reached out to the North Warren Marching Band to possibly conduct a fundraiser to help park cars at that location. Signs will be placed directing people to walk to the cross walk so people can cross safely over to Carhart.

The Township Committee voiced concern regarding insurance and people crossing Route 94 safely. Mrs. Iurato indicated that she has the Township under her insurance and she is sure that the Marching Band has insurance as well.

An explanation of the Special Event Application was given by the Attorney and the Township Clerk. It was explained that the purpose of the Application is for the Municipality to know about events prior to them occurring. This is needed so that the Police Department and DPW know if they need to plan on extra man power. Or need to modify schedules in any way. Mrs. Iurato noted that Friday the 13th is not a Blirstown Museum Event so she inquired as to who should file the permit. Mrs. Waldron inquired as to who hired the Actor? Mrs. Iurato noted that the museum did, but it is no different than having the former Warren County Prosecutor come to do a presentation on Princess Doe. These are free opportunities for the public to meet people. Mayor Lance inquired as to who's insurance is being used, Mrs. Iurato noted that it is the museums Insurance because the Township has asked them to be covered. The Museum sells 100 tickets for a 12 hour period. If 400 tickets are sold for the movie being sold at Roy's Hall, that is not the museum. Mrs. Waldron explained that the theatre has a certain capacity and number of parking spots, but when there is an event when the number is unknown that is an issue. Mrs. Waldron inquired as to who is advertising the event. Mrs. Iurato noted that all of the businesses advertise. Mrs. Waldron inquired as to who puts the information in the paper, Mrs. Iurato noted that the event is not put in the paper. Mrs. Iurato stated that the event is not advertised. There is a webpage on the Blirstown Museum website that talks about the Friday 13th activities. Most of the people find out about the activities on the Museum Facebook page. Mrs. Iurato offered to place parking information on her website and Facebook page. Mrs. Iurato will speak to the theatre to ask that they place parking options on the tickets they sell for the showing for Friday 13th.

In closing Mayor Lance told Mrs. Iurato to submit the Special Event Application and be sure that the Township receives a Certificate of Liability.

PRESENTATIONS:

Recognition of Barbara Green – 2018 Mary Louise Christine - Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County – Mayor Lance announced that we have a very special member of our community in the audience – Barbara Green. She is the recipient of the Mary Louise Christine Outstanding Senior Citizen of Warren County for 2018. Mayor Lance noted that she is on the Land Use Board, Open Space Committee and Historic Preservation Committee here in Blirstown. Christine Beegle,

Chair of the Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee spoke regarding Mrs. Greens accomplishments. The entire Township Committee expressed how proud they are of her and thanked her for everything that she does both in the Township and around Warren County.

Walter Caraballo - Citizen Award for Taking Action at Bus Accident – Captain Johnsen introduced Mr. Caraballo who described the incident that occurred on May 17. Mr. Caraballo was heading to work late on Route 80 when he came upon an accident that involved a dump truck and a school bus. Mr. Caraballo described how he climbed through the hatch on the roof of the school bus to try and help the children and adults inside. Mr. Caraballo noted that many people stopped to help that day. He stayed with one girl for a very long time. She knew her mother's phone number. He called her mom and let her know what was going on and kept her informed every step of the way. That little girl (Sophie) and her family were in attendance to publically thank him for what he did to help. She presented him with a letter of thanks and a gift. Mr. Caraballo noted that children need to learn their parents' phone numbers. Because of children having cell phones that are preprogrammed with their parents' numbers they don't learn the actual numbers.

Human Trafficking Awareness Presentation – Mandy Bristol-Leverett – Mrs. Bristol-Leverett was in attendance to discuss Human Trafficking. Citizens play a large part in the fight against Human Trafficking. C A N was established over 20 years ago. It stands for Church & Community Abolition Network. This empowers YOU to do abolition. SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) mobilizes volunteers nationwide for large events. SOAP'S Freedom Bars are distributed to hotels and motels across the nation. This group reaches out to hotel staff to recognize the signs of human trafficking. Brochures were distributed. There will be an event on July 28, 2018 from 9-12pm at Mountaintop Church located at 6 Naughtright Road, Hackettstown. Visit the CANfreedom.org for more information and events.

JACKIE ESPINOZA – JCP&L Representative – Mrs. Espinoza thanked the Mayor for everything he did during the storms that caused downed trees and power outages. He kept in constant communication with Ms. Espinoza and that is critical. She also thanked Nick Mohr and Calvin Inscho. Mrs. Espinoza explained that the storms that happened in March were considered number 4 in severity on the list of storms in the last 20 years. First was Sandy, Irene, Snowtober and then number 4 was Riley/Quinn. The storm in May hit the number 5 slot. There is a new road opening process, this is still a work in progress. JCP&L is also looking into new computer software to address some of the glitches in the current system. Mrs. Espinoza also explained that they are working to get the roads cleared sooner. First they will make the roads safe by addressing live wires, then opening roads and finally isolating situations. Mrs. Espinoza also addressed the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. When JCP&L goes around to do trimming if there are any ash trees they will be removed because of the infestation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – The DPW, Open Space, Police, and Fire Department heads presented their individual department reports.

Calvin Inscho noted that the Hose Company's Fire Fighter Skills Competition is coming up at Sycamore Park on July 21. Along with the competition there will be vendors and food. The vendor fair is from 1-7 and the competition begins at 3pm.

Calvin Inscho, Chief of the Blairstown Hose Company, requested clarification regarding the filling of swimming pools by the Hose Company.

Mr. Inscho explained that the fee is \$100.00 for 3000 gallons.

Mayor Lance noted that he pulled the water usage bills for the Hose Company and they go up during the summer. He recommended that the Hose Company pay the Township \$200.00 during the third quarter water billing cycle and the Hose Company keeps the pool money.

Mr. Avery made a motion to allow the Hose Company to fill pools as a fundraiser and pay the Township the \$200.00 to cover the billing difference of the third quarter water billing, which was seconded by Mrs. Dalton.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.
All ayes – Motion carried.

Mr. Usinowicz requested a Capital Ordinance to cover some DPW items that are in need of replacing. One being a snow plow. The DPW is looking to get a stainless steel plow and he had 3 quotes. The cost would be \$6,600.00. Also the corner of the salt shed needs to be repaired in the amount of \$4775.00. Mr. Usinowicz is requesting a \$13,000.00 Capital Ordinance. The CFO is aware of this request. Mrs. Van Valkenburg requested a second quote on the repair of the salt shed.

Consensus of the Township Committee was to request the CFO to do a Capital Ordinance in the amount of \$13,000.00 for the next meeting.

Mr. Usinowicz also requested that the Township put security cameras at the DPW. This would be done by the same company as the Municipal Building security system. The cameras would pick up the Sycamore Park playground as well.

Motion was made by Mr. Avery to approve the purchase of a security system to be placed at the Department of Public Works building and to charge the system to Open Space Trust Fund; which was seconded by Mrs. Dalton.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.
All ayes – Motion carried.

MINUTES

May 9, 2018 – Regular Workshop Meeting Minutes – These minutes will be presented for approval at the July 18, 2018 meeting.

May 9, 2018 – Executive Session Minutes

May 23, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes

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A motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session meeting minutes listed above was made by Mr. Avery, seconded by Mrs. Van Valkenburg.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.
All ayes – Motion carried.

FOR ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO: 2018-12 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT"

Second Reading, Public Hearing, Adoption

Mayor Lance opened the Public Hearing, there were no comments or questions from the public. Mayor Lance noted that this is an Ordinance that deals with the prohibiting the growing and selling of marijuana within the Township.

Motion to approve ORDINANCE No. 2018-12 was made by Mrs. Waldron; seconded by Mrs. Dalton.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.

All Ayes – Motion carried.

FOR INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO: 2018-14 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF ROADWAYS AND CULVERTS LOCATED IN BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OF WARREN

First Reading, Introduction

Mayor Lance explained that there will be a Public Hearing on this at the July 18, 2018 meeting. The Township will be taking ownership of Main Street, High Street and Bridge Street from Warren County in exchange we are giving the county Stillwater Road, Polkville Road and West Crisman Road. This also includes the exchange for several culverts within the Township.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-14 on First Reading was made by Mr. Avery; seconded by Mrs. Waldron.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.

Nay - Dalton

Motion carried.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2018-15 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$40,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF GENERATORS WITHIN VARIOUS TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS FOR AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$38,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRAITION

First Reading, Introduction

Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-15 on First Reading was made by Mrs. Waldron; seconded by Mrs. Dalton.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.

All Ayes – Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1 R.2018 - 073 Authorization to Pay Bills
- 2 R. 2018 -074 Liquor License Renewals
- 3 R.2018 - 075 Authorizing Purchase and Installation of Telephone System
- 4 R.2018 - 076 Authorizing the Township to Enter Into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Educational Service Commission of NJ
- 5 R. 2018 -077 Awarding Contract for Road Paving to K & A Paving
- 6 R.2018 - 078 Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for K9 Trust Account
- 7 R.2018 - 079 Awarding Contract – Morris County Co-Op for Crack Sealing of Kishpaugh and Sandhill Road

Mrs. Van Valkenburg wanted Item #3 removed for discussion. She is concerned with Voice Over IP. Our internet is not strong so this would be an issue. Mrs. Van Valkenburg will reach out to Sal Liscari because he has knowledge on phone systems. The Committee also felt that parts of the quotes were high and would like to check into that as well.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1,2 and 4-7 was made by Mrs. Dalton; seconded by Mayor Lance.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.
All Ayes – Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk – May Report
DPW – May Report
Finance – May Finance and Fuel Reports
Fire Department – May Report
Police Department – May Report
Tax Collector – May Report
Warren County Health Department – May 14, 2018 Report
Zoning - No Report

Motion to approve the Department Reports was made by Mrs. Waldron; seconded by Mrs. Dalton.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.
All Ayes – Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ACME Shopping Plaza – Entrance Only – There is no additional information at this time.

Walnut Valley Firehouse – This is covered in the Engineer Report.

Secretary to the Land Use Board Position – Mrs. Van Valkenburg thought we should re-advertise for this position due to the fact that we had several applicants without land use experience and she felt that experience in the field is very important. Mrs. Leidner explained that the ad for the position was placed on the League of Municipalities website as well as the Municipal Clerk's Association website. These sites are used when municipal officials are seeking employment. Mrs. Van Valkenburg would like to re-advertise the position. Mrs. Waldron recommended that the interviews be held and then a decision as to whether the position needs to be re-advertised. The Township Committee agreed that

Well House Building - Mayor Lance noted that this will be discussed during the engineers report.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Clarification of when Special Event Applications are required to be submitted for approval by the Township Committee. Mrs. Leidner explained that the purpose of the application process is so that everyone in the Township is aware of an event. It is important for the police, DPW, rescue squad and all Township officials to be prepared. Once the application is processed through the departments for approvals and the fees that may be involved are determined, the applicant can decide if they want to go forward with the event.

Mrs. Dalton explained that in the case of Friday the 13th the Blairstown Museum is clearly the host of the event. They do the advertising on their website for all of the businesses.

Mayor Lance noted that he likes having events held in the village area, he feels it is important for businesses. Mayor Lance also noted that it is important to know who is in charge of the event.

Mrs. Waldron agreed that it is great to have events in the village. She went on to explain that it is important to have a contact person.

It was determined by the members of the Township Committee that the Blairstown Museum is the host of the Friday the 13th event and Mrs. Iurato should complete a special events application.

COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE for information and possible action

1. Blue Light Permit **Initial** Application requests from Blairstown Ambulance Corp Members Scott Durlerster of Hardwick and Emily Korpos of Columbia.

Motion was made by Mrs. Van Valkenburg approving the Initial Application for a Blue Light from Scott Durlerster and Emily Korpos; which was seconded by Mrs. Waldron.

Voice Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

2. Letter from Little Hill Foundation requesting to hold their annual fundraising 5K/5 mile race in Blairstown Township on October 13, 2018 from 9:30am – 1pm.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dalton approving the Little Hill Foundation request to hold a 5K/5 mile race on October 13 from 9:30am – 1pm; which was seconded by M. Avery.

Voice Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

3. Letter of thanks from Barbara Smith. Ms. Smith is requesting that this letter be read out loud.

Mayor Lance read this letter out loud and the full letter will be attached to these minutes.

FROM THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

Ms. Sullivan reported that she is working with the Special Master on finalizing the Affordable Housing Litigation Order so that it can finally be completed.

Regarding the In-Rem Foreclosures, the period for objections to filed has passed. Ms. Sullivan has started the process of filing with the court to get final judgements on those properties. She is still following up with the title company for two of the parcels. Mrs. Van Valkenburg is familiar with the company and she offered to reach out to them regarding these two remaining properties.

Ms. Sullivan also reported on a new issue that has arisen with two deeds that were filed with the County Clerk by the former Township Attorney. They were returned by the County Clerk and she is working with Mrs. Leidner on getting the situation straightened out.

Ms. Sullivan is also working with Mr. Semrau to get a date set to hold a Social Media Seminar here in Blairstown for Township Committee members and the Blairstown staff. Mrs. Van Valkenburg noted that

this will be a mandatory seminar for the staff. Ms. Sullivan cautioned the Committee to watch what is posted on social media sights.

FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK

Reminder – There will be one Township Committee Meeting in July and it will be held on July 18.

Town wide Clean up week will be held September 17 – 22. Vouchers will be available beginning on August 1.

Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, December 1 from 9-noon.

FROM THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

- A problem statement was submitted to the DOT regarding the structural safety of the Route 94 bridge. No reply has been received.
- Whitman is requesting answers as to what the Township would like to do regarding the Walnut Valley Firehouse. Whitman noted that remediation is due by 02/28/2022. Whitman is saying that much work has to be done prior to 2022 and that they are already very behind if they wish to make the due date. Mrs. Waldron and Mrs. Van Valkenburg would like to give the initial reports to other companies. Ms. Sullivan will reach out to Whitman to get copies of the reports for comparisons.
- Dave Simmons from Pella has been working with Albert Schwartz to locate all of the water lines. Mr. Simmons has gotten some estimates from an Architect and the Township Committee was given some prices both with and without the meeting room for the Hose Company. We only have 750 sq. feet to work with because the well house is located in the flood plain and 350 feet is needed for the well pump and generator. That leaves 400 feet for the fire house. The cost for the fire house addition would be \$100,000.00. The consensus of the Township Committee is to go with the 350 square foot building for the well pump and generator and there will be two electric meters. The approximate cost will be between \$35,000.00 and \$52,500.00. The Township Committee made the decision to just move forward on the project not including the addition of a meeting room for the hose company. Mr. Inscho was in attendance and felt that the cost was very high.
- Mr. Rodman also discussed the need for a 4 by 50 foot notch in the right of way for an easement for the well. This is the 50 foot are of control needed by the Township as required by DEP. The County will give the Township 21 feet from the center of Stillwater Road. These numbers have been presented to Bill Gleba, Warren County Engineer. A deed of easement will be needed with a map attached as the legal description. Ms. Sullivan will contact the County Attorney.

FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBER AVERY

Blairstown Senior Trip will be held June 27, they are going to Silver Birches to see Caribbean Carnival. Mr. Avery noted that all of the Blairstown Seniors are very proud of Barbara Green on being named Warren County Senior of the Year.

Mr. Avery also noted that he was approached by a group of model airplane enthusiasts who would like to see if they can use part of the Gorab property to fly their airplanes. They are willing to pay the farmer for any crop loss from the use of that portion of the field. Mr. Avery will alert Pat Sagan when they are placed on the agenda, either next meeting or the meeting after.

COMMITTEE MEMBER DALTON

Mrs. Dalton reported that four applicants for the Land Use Secretary, Zoning Officer Clerical Assistant position will be interviewed tomorrow. The people that will be conducting the interviews are Ms. Leidner, Mrs. Waldron, Mrs. Dalton and Land Use Chairman Sikkes.

Mrs. Dalton summarized the events that occurred both at North Warren and at Blairstown Elementary over the past month.

COMMITTEE MEMBER VAN VALKENBURG

Mrs. Van Valkenburg noted that neither the high school nor the elementary school came before the Township Committee to present their budget. She encourages the public to attend the board meetings to stay informed about the school budgets and how they affect their taxes.

Mrs. Van Valkenburg also discussed the possibility of taking a penny from the Open Space Tax and move it to the municipal side next year and put it towards repairing the roads. Our roads are in desperate need of repair.

Mayor Lance indicated that the DPW will be out filling pot holes on Mt. Vernon Road, Stoneybrook Road, Belcher Road and Union Brick Road.

Mrs. Van Valkenburg reported on the status of replacing the bleachers at Sycamore Park that were blown over during the windstorm. Recreation Director Pat Sagan is working on obtaining quotes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER WALDRON

Mrs. Waldron reported on the status of the Hose Company's agreement with Hardwick.

Previously in the meeting Mrs. Waldron brought up a request from the Blairstown Ambulance Corp. They are requesting to be added to the Township's Ford Fleet Incentive Member Discount Program. This will save the Blairstown Ambulance Corp about \$4000.00 per year there is no cost to the township.

Mrs. Waldron made a motion to approve the Blairstown Ambulance Corp be added to the Township Ford Fleet Incentive Member Discount Program, which was seconded by Mrs. Dalton.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.

All Ayes – Motion carried.

MAYOR LANCE

Mayor Lance reported that Warren County Health Officer Peter Summers will be the speaker at the Warren County Governing Officials Meeting being held on June 25 in Phillipsburg. He will address municipal dos and don'ts when making decisions on the pending legalization of marijuana.

Mayor Lance also reported that the Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee will host an informational tour of the Footbridge on July 4th at 11:00 and at 2:00 a talk about "Secret Victorian Lady". On September 15 the Blairstown Historic Preservation Committee will be at Warren County Preservation Day being held at the Roseberry House in Phillipsburg. October Village Tour with a lot of special events will be held during the tour.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith Stires – Jacksonburg Road – Mr. Stires stated that this is the third time he has asked for pot holes to be filled on Jacksonburg Road. There are several pot holes heading towards Route 94. Mr. Stires noted that he was told a month ago that they would be done and the holes are still not filled. Mr. Stires also spoke about lawn companies parking trucks with trailers attached and placing cones around them, these are hazards because you can't see oncoming traffic. Mr. Stires noted that he brought this to the attention of Captain Johnsen.

Rosalie Murray – 75 Heller Hill Road - Mrs. Murray noted that regular agenda items did not start until 9:30pm. She strongly suggested that presentations at the beginning of the meeting be limited. Mrs. Murray also asked that the Committee speak into the microphones because the acoustics in the meeting room are not good. Mrs. Murray recommended that the police walk Main Street to help with combating the drug issues on that road.

Mrs. Waldron explained that the police are working hard to combat the drug issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to reconvene the Executive Session at 11:00 p.m. by Mrs. Van Valkenburg, which was seconded by Mrs. Waldron.

Roll Call Vote: Aye – Avery, Dalton, Van Valkenburg, Waldron, Lance.

All ayes – Motion carried.

Motion to close executive session was made at 11:44 p.m. by Mrs. Waldron which was seconded by Mrs. Dalton.

Voice Vote: All ayes – Motion carried.

Regular Session reconvened at 11:45 p.m.

Mayor Lance noted that discussion in Executive Session was regarding personnel. Results will be made public at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

As there were no further comments from the public, Mrs. Waldron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mrs. Dalton. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk

May 18, 2018

Barbara C. Smith
53 Belcher Road
Blairstown, NJ 07825

Township Committee: Gentlemen and Lady:

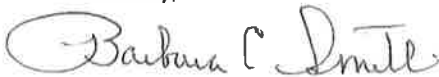
I would like very much to recognize the help and services that have been provided to me as a result of the two most recent storms. Particularly, I would like to mention Eric Isinowicz, Mike Sullivan and Bob Kise. Repairs were taken care of in a lovely manor on the property line of Belcher and my property. Bob and John (?) did a fabulous job of reseeding the grass line that had been destroyed during the winter with plowing and sanding.

The other evening after the storm of May 15, 2018 came through I had a tree fall half way through my property and Belcher Road. Eric and Mike showed up and cleared the street and came the next day and cleared the property line and cut the tree into logs.

This all is a big deal to me and I cannot express how much I appreciate all their help, they should be recognized and applauded for their diligence and kindness extended to the residents of this town. My gratitude is to all and I hope the township recognizes their work ethic and consideration.

Please extend my personal thanks to all of them and let them know they are definitely appreciated.

Sincerely,



Barbara C. Smith
Resident