

**TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN  
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 7PM**

**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 Mach. Those present were Mayor Mach, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Lance, Mr. Lascari, and Mr. Seal. Also present were Attorney Kevin Benbrook and Clerk Pizzaia.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was conducted.

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

Mayor Mach 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.

**CLOSED SESSION – Possible Acquisition of Property**

Mr. Seal made a motion to enter into Closed Session, which was seconded by Mr. Lance, with all members voting in favor.

WHEREAS, the Blairstown Township Committee needs to discuss matters relating to the issue as listed above; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes it to be in the best interest of the public to discuss this matter in Closed Session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Blairstown, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that it shall meet in Closed Session to discuss only the subject mentioned above, the results of which may be made public immediately thereafter or at a later date.

Dated: September 14, 2011

Attest:

Phyllis E. Pizzaia, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

## **RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Lance made a motion to come out of Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seal, with all members voting in favor. Mr. Lance made a motion to direct Mr. Benbrook to prepare an agreement of purchase for development rights to the Race Farm, a 45 acre tract, and the Wohlers farm, a 60 acre tract. Mayor Mach seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:                    AYE – Anderson, Lance, Lascari, Seal Mach

Mr. Lance made a motion for the township to contribute \$57,000, which is \$1,000 per acre, towards the purchase of the Wohler Farm. These monies will come from the Open Space Tax trust.

Roll call vote:                    AYE – Anderson, Lance, Lascari, Seal Mach

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Mach announced that due to the severe storms and flooding, all members of the audience who wished to speak about that subject would be recognized at this time. He introduced two representatives from FEMA, Virginia Mintz and Doug Parker, who came to the meeting to answer questions from the residents.

Paul Habel, 46 Cedarville Road, said that he applied to FEMA for assistance and was denied. Ms. Mintz suggested that he go to the local FEMA headquarters in Washington Township and talk to them in person.

John Maxman, Walnut Valley Road, said that he owns property at 49 Main Street. He said that he believes the severe flooding was caused by something more than the storm. He said that this is apparent because the water was rising one inch every ten minutes. Mr. Maxman believes that something upstream caused this. Mayor Mach said that there were rumors that there was a release from the Princeton Dam. Mayor Mach said that he knows for sure that there was a release prior to Hurricane Irene. Mr. Lance said that he was concerned about the water rising at the Paulina Dam at such a quick rate. He said that the Princeton Dam could not have contributed to the water rising at the Paulina Dam. Mr. Lance said that the measuring station for the Paulina Dam may not have been working during the second storm. He said that there has to be communication on what is happening at the various dams when releases are made.

Mr. Maxman commended the police for their actions during the flood. He said that a major problem at the Main Street area is that people were driving through the road blocks, making the water problem much worse for the residents and businesses. He asked if the police could issue tickets to those people ignoring the road blocks. Robert Gara, Police Director, said that the officers could issue summonses for this.

Mr. Maxman asked the FEMA representatives why they think Mr. Habel was denied in his claim. Ms. Mintz said that she believes there may have been a misunderstanding in the time frame that he suffered loss of property, but she feels that it could be rectified by meeting with the FEMA personnel. There must be damage from Hurricane Irene to file at this point. The FEMA representatives believe that there is a good chance that the second storm will also be declared for FEMA assistance purposes. Both homeowners and business owners can apply for FEMA assistance.

As there were no further questions for the FEMA representatives, Mayor Mach thanked them for attending the meeting in order to assist our residents.

Gary McGowan, Briar Hill Lane, asked if an engineer has been at the Paulina Dam to assess the structure. Mayor Mach responded that the Committee was concerned about the dam breaching. The DPW employees were instructed to construct a berm from quarry process. The dam never breached. Mr. Lance added that the dam is strong and there appears to be no damage. Mayor Mach said that a call has been placed for a reinspection of the dam.

John Kulek, 52 Cedarville Road, said that he was at the Municipal Building on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, and spoke to Mr. Seal. Mr. Kulek said that this was before the actual flooding and at the point where he could see that the water was rising at an alarming rate. Mr. Kulek requested a pump at this location and was told by Mr. Seal that the pump motor had burned out and there was no replacement due to budgetary constraints. He said that by the time a pump was delivered to Cedarville Road, there was already damage to a couple of houses. Mr. Kulek said that no one came to assess the situation at Cedarville Road until Saturday night when the Forestry Division came out.

Mr. Kulek thanked Mr. Lascari, who has come out on a daily basis to check on the situation and to speak with the residents. Mr. Kulek said that he feels that someone should have moved faster to find a pump before the situation became a disaster. Mr. Seal said that as soon as he and Mr. Kulek spoke on September 9<sup>th</sup>, he contacted the DPW Supervisor, who spent a great amount of time in locating a pump. Mayor Mach stated that the Committee is going to develop a plan that will, at the very least, have a pump available to Cedarville Road.

Mr. Lascari thanked Mr. Kulek, who has been instrumental in organizing assistance for his fellow residents on Cedarville Road.

George Lensi, 47 Cedarville Road, said that he has lived on the road for over 30 years, and has seen many floods there. He suggested buying a military pump to have on standby in the event of another flooding incident. Mr. Lance said that he has discussed this with the OEM Director, who is looking into this. Mr. Lensi also commended the DPW workers and the many volunteers who have assisted during the past two weeks.

Jeanette O'Brien, 16 East Avenue, spoke about a report made in 2006 by the USDA regarding flooding along the Paulins Kill. She asked why the suggestions made in this report were not looked into. Mr. Lance replied that most of the recommendations were clerical, such as purchasing flood insurance. Mr. Lance said that the only recommendation he believes to be worthwhile was made in 1951 regarding the construction of a flood control dam to be placed on Trout Brook. Mayor Mach suggested that Mr. Rodman review this report again to see if there is anything the Committee can act on to alleviate the problem.

Jennifer Kulek, 52 Cedarville Road, asked Mr. Seal if he has been to Cedarville Road and Mr. Seal said he has been there. She said that she was upset that there was a lack of response at the beginning of the flooding. She thanked Mayor Mach, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Lascari for responding to Cedarville Road.

Ms. Kulek said that there is now an oil slick on top of the water and on the road where the water has receded. There is also a great deal of debris that will need to be removed. Mr. Lascari said that he would contact the Warren County Board of Health for guidance.

Robert Fodera, owner of property at 2 East Avenue, said that he just saw the 2006 report that Mrs. O'Brien spoke about, and is disappointed that none of the recommendations have been acted upon. He would like the Committee to take action before another incident takes place.

Todd Westdyke, 120 Mohican Road, spoke about the serious flooding on Bridge Street. He has been an operating engineer for 32 years and is familiar with these problems and possible solutions. He believes that if low flow structures were to be placed on the dams, it would alleviate a great deal of the flooding. He also said that a major problem is that the Paulins Kill is long overdue for dredging. He and his friend ran a pump non-stop for days to save the house on Bridge Street, but the water was too much and they gave up.

William Lobisch, 51 Cedarville Road, said that he came to the Municipal Building on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, and spoke to Mr. Seal about the rising water on Cedarville Road. He feels that Mr. Seal did not attempt to assist him regarding the problem at Cedarville Road. Mr. Seal stated that after their conversation, he also spoke with Mr. Kulek. After Mr. Kulek left, Mr. Seal contacted the DPW Supervisor who attempted to locate a pump for Cedarville Road. Mr. Lobisch said that he contacted the Warren County OEM on Friday evening after houses were being flooded.

Paul Rivoli of the Warren County OEM explained to Mr. Lobisch that the township can apply for a remediation project grant whereby the State would pay for up to 80% of the project repairs and the township would contribute 20%. This would be for a permanent pumping station located on Cedarville Road with a backup generator.

Debra Waldron, 54 Maple Lane, spoke about her involvement with a committee that used to exist that monitored water contamination along the Route 94 corridor. She said that a report was generated and that it should be on file in the Municipal Building. She is concerned that areas that were flooded may have contaminated drinking water from sewage or oil tanks. She said that areas that were not flooded are also at risk for contamination. She would like the Committee to arrange for the Health Department to test various areas along the Route 94 corridor for contamination. She also said that if the township buys flood insurance as a municipality, then it will be significantly cheaper for homeowners to buy this insurance.

Mrs. Waldron asked what FEMA might be offering to the township in the way of assistance. Mayor Mach responded that this is still to be determined. Mrs. Waldron also suggested that the residents band together to put pressure on JCP&L to provide better service and to upgrade their equipment.

Livia Angelone, 12 Bridge Street, said that the Blairstown Police had to wait for the county to give permission to block off the Main Street area. She said that the longer it takes to block, the more damage is done by the motorists who drive through the blockades. She said that the storm drain repairs that were to take place never happened and this contributed to the problem. Mr. Lance said that the Warren County Engineering Department can answer this.

Her house, along with many in the area, has suffered structural stress from the flooding. She is at the point where she doesn't know what to do next. She said there is a stone wall on a Cedar Lake property near the old race track that she believes is significantly adding to the flooding problem in the village area. Mr. Lance will check into this.

Ms. Angelone asked about a tax reduction to those homeowners who were severely hurt by this flood. Mr. Lance said that he spoke to the Tax Assessor about this and the matter is under consideration.

Mr. Hagel spoke again to say he wanted to thank everyone who helped during the past weeks. He asked if the township would be able to arrange discounts with local stores for those people who will be throwing away most of their possessions and making new purchases. He also asked if the Committee would be contacting various politicians for assistance. Mayor Mach responded that Assemblyman Chiusano, Assemblywoman Littell McHose, Senator Doherty, Senator Oroho, and Assemblymen DiMaio and Peterson were all contacted.

Jamie Brodie, 44 Cedarville Road, said that he also wanted to express his displeasure with the lack of action on the part of the Committee in providing assistance to the residents of Cedarville Road. He also feels that something needs to be done about the mosquitoes in the area. A day before the storm, a tree on township property fell. He said he reported this tree a year ago and no action was taken at that time to take it down.

Mr. Brodie wanted to know how the residents on Cedarville Road will be made aware of any action the Committee plans to take about their situation. Mayor Mach responded that the speakers tonight have provided their phone numbers and calls will be placed when decisions are made.

## **MINUTES**

August 10, 2011 – Regular Meeting and Closed Session

Mr. Seal made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular and closed sessions, which was seconded by Mr. Lance.

Roll call vote:                    AYE – Anderson, Lance, Lascari, Seal, Mach

August 22, 2011 – Special Meeting and Closed Session (Mr. Seal absent)

Mayor Mach made a motion to approve the minutes of the special and closed sessions, which was seconded by Mr. Lascari.

Roll call vote:                    AYE – Anderson, Lance, Lascari, Mach  
    ABSTAIN – Seal

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2011 – 02    AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 29 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN ENTITLED “HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION” TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW CHAPTER 29 ENTITLED “HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE”**

Adoption, Second Reading, Committee Discussion

**Public Hearing – Open/Close**

Mr. Lascari requested that this matter be tabled until the October meeting.  
The entire Committee was in agreement.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011 – 06 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THAT A BUSINESS ENTITY WHICH MAKES POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES AND MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY POLITICAL PARTIES IN EXCESS OF CERTAIN THRESHOLDS SHALL BE LIMITED IN ITS ABILITY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC CONTRACTS FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN IN WARREN COUNTY, NJ**

Introduction, First Reading

Mr. Lascari made a motion to approve Ordinance 2011-06 on first reading, which was seconded by Mr. Lance.

Roll call vote: AYE – Anderson, Lance, Lascari, Seal, Mach

Mayor Mach commented that even though there is a state statute covering this, the State is requiring this ordinance as a part of the best practice worksheet.

**Public Comment on the Consent Agenda Items Only**

There were no comments from the public on the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS**

- 1 – R.2011-105** Authorization to Pay Bills
- 2 – R.2011-106** Refunding of Overpayment Due to State Tax Court Judgment
- 3 – R.2011-107** Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation – Recycling Tonnage Grant in the amount of \$3,642.42
- 4 – R.2011-108** Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation – School Sidewalk/Department of Transportation in the amount of \$65,500.00
- 5 – R.2011-109** Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council to Review Membership Therein for the Period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2016
- 6 – R.2011-110** Commending Municipal Response to Hurricane Irene and Welcoming an Investigation into that of Certain Public Utilities
- 7 – Approval of Membership Application in Blairstown Fire Company No. 1 – Corey A. Murphy**

Mr. Seal requested that No. 6 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lance made a motion to approve Items No. 1 through 5 and No. 7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Roll call vote: AYE – Anderson, Lance, Lascari, Seal, Mach

Mr. Lascari made a motion to approve Item No. 6, which was seconded by Mayor Mach. Mr. Seal said that he would like the municipal office employees and the Public Works employees added to this resolution. The Committee agreed to make this adjustment.

Roll call vote: AYE – Anderson, Lance, Lascari, Seal, Mach

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Clerk – August Report

Finance – August Finance and Fuel Reports  
Fire Department – August Report  
Police Department – August Report  
Tax Collector – August Report  
Municipal Court of North Warren – July Report  
Warren County Health Department – August 5, 2011  
Animal Control Officer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

Mr. Lance made a motion to accept these reports, which was seconded by Mayor Mach, with all members voting in favor.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1 – Route 94 traffic concerns – T. Rodman to check light
- 2 – JCP&L billing – list submitted to JCP&L – waiting for response
- 3 – Main Street concerns – road striping; feral cats; sidewalks
- 4 – Review of Noise Control Ordinance – draft “Peace and Good Order” Ordinance
- 5 – Service Electric Cable TV – Mr. Lascari drafting letter to SECTV regarding extension of service  
Mr. Lascari is working on this.
- 6 – Hazardous Obstructions at Blairstown Airport – waiting for map from State
- 7 – Snow Removal on Main Street – amended ordinance being reviewed by Mr. Benbrook  
Mayor Mach discussed this ordinance, which allows for alternate side of the street parking on Main Street during snow conditions.

Mayor Mach made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2011-07 entitled, “An Ordinance Supplementing and Amending Chapter 184 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Blairstown Known as ‘Vehicles and Traffic,’ ” on first reading. Mr. Lance seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:                    AYE – Anderson, Lance, Lascari, Seal, Mach

- 8 – Review of Recreation Ordinance – Fair Share Reimbursement  
Mr. Lascari said that there are two suggested ways to deal with this. One is to set fees for individual sports programs. The other option is to charge municipalities that do not provide fields to Blairstown residents. Mr. Lascari, Mr. Seal and the Recreation Director will work on this.

#### **COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE** for information and possible action

- 1 – from Colleen Miller, re: Susan G. Komen for the Cure Tie a Ribbon Campaign during the month of October  
Mr. Lance made a motion to approve this request, which was seconded by Mayor Mach, with all members voting in favor.

2 – Peace and Good Order Ordinance for Committee discussion

Mr. Lascari discussed the draft which was presented to the Committee. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. K. Benbrook would be directed to have this ready for introduction at the October meeting.

Tom Kramer said that the skateboarders have become a noise problem in the Main Street area again. He wanted to know if this ordinance could apply to this. Mr. K. Benbrook said that he thinks this is more of a police and traffic matter. He said that this noise ordinance would not apply and that loitering ordinances have been found illegal by the courts.

**GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE (See attached sheet)**

There were no comments or questions from the public on the General Correspondence list.

Mr. Seal spoke about a resident who requested reimbursement for a damaged mailbox. Mr. Seal explained to the resident that the township has a resolution in place that states that the township is not responsible for damage unless a township vehicle directly damaged the mailbox.

**FROM THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY**

Mr. Robert Benbrook, Township Attorney, was present for the remainder of the meeting. He reported that the law suit brought about by Paul Zrodowski regarding the snow plowing reimbursement ordinance went to court and the judge ruled in favor of the township. Mr. Benbrook says that the ordinance has been upheld by the court which attests to its validity.

**FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK**

The Clerk announced that the last date for using clean-up vouchers is approaching. Vouchers can be used to take items to the Oxford Landfill on September 29, 30, and October 1.

The free rabies clinic has been scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12 noon.

**FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEEMAN ANDERSON**

Mr. Anderson commended the emergency service personnel for their actions during the horrible events of the past couple of weeks. These people were on call 24 hours a day and went above and beyond what is expended of them under the worst possible circumstances.

**COMMITTEEMAN LANCE**

Mr. Lance also expressed his appreciation to the emergency service personnel.

Mr. Lance said that the Bureau of Dam Safety is forcing the township spend over \$300,000 for repairs to the Paulina Dam. He said that the storm and flooding is supposedly the worst that will be seen in 1,000 years and the dam did not breach. He would like to go back to the Bureau with this in mind and perhaps modifications can be made to the plans which would be far less expensive.

Mr. Lance said that he has had talks with the Mayor of Oxford for an interlocal agreement for shared CFO services. The Committee was given a copy of said agreement. Oxford has agreed to pay Blirstown \$27,000 per year as their part of the shared services. Mr. Lance made a motion to

approve this interlocal agreement which takes effect on January 1, 2012 and to authorize Mayor Mach to sign said agreement, pending attorney review. Mayor Mach seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: AYE – Anderson, Lance, Lascari, Seal, Mach

Mr. Lance said he wanted to clear up some misconceptions from the public that have been on the internet. There have been posts that state the Committee members receive health insurance and have access to township vehicles and facilities. None of this is true.

#### COMMITTEEMAN LASCARI

Mr. Lascari also thanked all the workers involved during the storms and flood for their tireless hours in assisting those in need.

Mr. Lascari summarized the quotes solicited by the CFO for the defibrillator. He would like to purchase a defibrillator that costs \$1,435 because more comes with that unit, but will leave the decision to the CFO. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Lance wanted to know if members of the ambulance corps were asked for their input. After discussion, it was decided the ambulance corps members will be asked for their opinion on the unit Mr. Lascari would like to purchase, but will authorize the expenditure in order to save time. Mr. Lance made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,435 for a defibrillator, with the actual unit to be determined after consultation with members of the ambulance corps. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: AYE – Anderson, Lance, Lascari, Seal, Mach

Mr. Lascari spoke about the TractorCade scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> which will begin at the Mohican Road fire hall and progress along Route 94 towards Knowlton. This is a fundraiser event which was very successful last year. Mr. Lance made a motion to approve this event, which was seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Roll call vote: AYE – Anderson, Lance, Lascari, Seal, Mach

Mr. Lascari said that the fire truck repair is almost complete and should be finished in about two (2) weeks.

With regard to the insurance coverage of the Mohican Road fire hall, Mr. Lascari said that Jim Gilmore has assured him that coverage under the township's policy will afford the fire company with the same coverage, including the liquor liability, at considerable savings. Mr. Lascari made a motion to approve the addition of the Mohican Road fire hall to the township's policy effective immediately, and to have Blairstown Hose Company No. 1 reimburse the township for the cost of this insurance beginning January 1, 2012. Mayor Mach seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: AYE – Anderson, Lance, Lascari, Seal, Mach

#### COMMITTEEMAN SEAL

Mr. Seal said that he directed the Clerk to send letters to Blairstown Airport manager Dennis Kiernan and Frank DeGroot of the North Warren Pharmacy, thanking them for offering their assistance during the recent storms and flooding.

He wished to thank the DPW workers, office employees and the emergency workers for their hard work done during the emergency.

There is a large tree on Union Brick Road that needs to come down. He would like a legal opinion from Mr. Benbrook whether it is the township's responsibility. Mr. Seal said that half of the tree stump may be on township property. Mr. Benbrook advised that the homeowner should contact her insurance company.

Mr. Seal spoke about pipes on Mt. Vernon Road that become blocked with sticks and debris during flooding. Mr. Seal feels the township needs to take care of this problem. This is something to consider in next year's budget.

A letter was received by a resident on Union Brick Road who wants the township to alleviate a problem with water towards the bottom of his driveway. He has been at the site with the DPW Supervisor and Ted Rodman and Mr. Seal says that this is clearly on the resident's property and the township has no responsibility.

The owner of Seidels said that there is a sink hole at the corner of his building on Vail Street. If the sink hole was caused by a township catch basin, the township is responsible. Mayor Mach suggested meeting at Seidels on Friday with Mr. Seal and the DPW Supervisor to look at the situation and to make sure that it is a township catch basin.

Mr. Seal and Bob DePuy looked at Cherokee Trail to determine if the degree of difficulty for snow plowing purposes should be increased. It is Mr. Seal's recommendation that the degree of difficulty be moved from a 2 to a 3. There was a discussion on whether this had to be done by ordinance. Mr. Benbrook will review the ordinance and advise the Committee if an ordinance amendment is required.

#### **MAYOR MACH**

Mayor Mach thanked the many people who were working during the storms and flooding, especially the fire department and ambulance corps, the OEM team and the CERT team.

It has been suggested that the Committee hold an early budget meeting in preparation for next year. A workshop meeting will be set up sometime in November for this purpose. Department heads will be requested to attend.

Mr. Lance said that he sees no way to avoid a municipal tax next year, especially now with the flood damage repairs to roads and equipment that cannot be put off.

#### **FROM THE PUBLIC**

Beth Arena, High Street, said she agreed with Mr. Lance about the postings on Facebook and the false information being spread. She said that she and Anita Ardia are planning on attending the meetings and posting factual statements about what transpired without personal opinion or slant.

Rosalie Murray, Heller Hill Road, said that during the recent storms, electrical wires were downed on her property by a fallen tree. She said that help arrived within a half hour. She also agreed with

Ms. Arena about the erroneous statements made about the Committee and what transpires at meetings by certain people.

Mrs. Murray said that she feels that many of the problems being discussed tonight have been caused by a lack of manpower. She said she believes that a municipal tax is the only way to rectify these problems.

Mrs. Murray said that she would like to address additional questions about the use of the Open Space tax that she began at the August meeting. Because of the lateness of the hour, she will not speak about this now but would like to be placed on the October agenda. Mr. Benbrook said that he feels that all questions regarding the legality of spending Open Space tax monies for the soil remediation have been addressed and he will have no further comment on the subject.

Mrs. Murray disagreed with Mr. Benbrook and said she is asking questions of the Committee and not Mr. Benbrook. Mr. Benbrook responded that Mrs. Murray is raising legal questions, and as township attorney, he is the appropriate person to respond to her questions. Mr. Benbrook added that Mrs. Murray is welcome to call him at any time to answer her questions, but he does not want to repeat the same information at another meeting.

Tom Cramer, Main Street, thanked Mr. Lascari for getting the street lights fixed on Main Street.

Mr. Cramer said that in cooperation with the Blairstown Business Association, the Blairstown Police Department and the Neighborhood Watch, he is organizing a Halloween Harvest block party to be held on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to midnight. The event will be held on Main Street, contingent upon approval to close the road from the County. Mr. Cramer said that the police have agreed to donate their time.

Herman Shoemaker, Bingham Lane, said that he has spoken with John Maxman and he has agreed to make the Historic Blairstown signs one at a time. He is requesting a letter from the Committee to the Blairstown Business Association stating that they support the installation of the road signs. Mr. Shoemaker will draft the letter for Mayor Mach's signature.

Anita Ardia, Dry Road, asked what Sustainable Jersey is. Mayor Mach suggested that Mrs. Ardia call Kevin Doell for an explanation since he is the chair of the Sustainable Blairstown subcommittee.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there were no further questions or comments from the public, Mr. Lance made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mayor Mach with all members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 pm.

Submitted by:

Phyllis E. Pizzaia, RMC  
Municipal Clerk