

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
OFFICIAL ACTION MEETING

May 6, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Moorestown Township Council was called to order by Mayor Petriello at Town Hall, Council Chamber, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown at 7:03 p.m. Attendance was as follows:

Lisa Petriello, Mayor	Thomas H. Neff, Township Manager
Nicole Gillespie, Deputy Mayor	Patricia L. Hunt, Township Clerk
Brian Donnelly, Councilmember	Kevin E. Aberant, Jr., Township Solicitor
Michael Locatell, Councilmember (arrived 7:14 pm)	
Victoria Napolitano, Councilmember	

MAYOR'S STATEMENT: At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Petriello read the Open Public Meetings Act statement in full, as printed on the agenda.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT:

"Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act" by:

1. Posting a copy of the Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and emailing a copy to the Courier Post, Philadelphia Inquirer and all those requesting copies on January 8, 2019.
2. Posting a copy of the amended meeting notice and the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.
3. Filing a copy of the amended meeting notice and the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex.
4. Forwarding a copy of the amended meeting notice and the agenda to the Courier Post and the Philadelphia Inquirer.
5. Forwarding a copy of the amended meeting notice and the agenda to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule.

All of the above posting, filing and mailing have taken place on the 3rd day of May, 2019.

MOMENT OF SILENCE and FLAG SALUTE: At 7:04 p.m., the Official Action meeting began with a moment of silence and the flag salute.

DISCUSSION

Reports from Members of Council:

Ms. Gillespie advised that this weekend is Perkins Center for the Arts Handcrafted event, their largest annual fundraising event. She said, this year, it is in a secret location. She encouraged public participation.

Mayor Petriello advised that there is a Tree Planting and Preservation Committee meeting next week and Appearance Committee meeting the following week.

Ms. Napolitano advised on the upcoming Open Space Advisory Committee and Sustainable Moorestown meetings.

Mayor Petriello read the upcoming meetings aloud:

1. Upcoming Meeting(s) Municipal Complex – 111 West Second Street
 - a. May 13, 2019 - 8:30 a.m. (Affordable Housing-Closed Session) (Donut Room)
 - b. May 15, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. (Budget) (Council Chambers). Mayor Petriello advised that the May 15th agenda will be amended to include a closed session regarding affordable housing at 7p.m. with the budget workshop to immediately follow.
 - c. May 20, 2019 - 8:30 a.m. (Affordable Housing-Closed Session) (Donut Room)
 - d. May 20, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. (Workshop) 7:30 p.m. (Official Action) (Council Chambers)
 - e. June 10, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. (Workshop) 7:30 p.m. (Official Action) (Council Chambers)
2. Agenda Updates, if necessary: None
3. Adopting Consent Agenda Resolution No. CA 05 06 2019: Mayor Petriello asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda resolution.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Gillespie
SECONDED BY: Mr. Donnelly
VOTE: All in favor

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA
CA 05 06 2019**

WHEREAS, Consent Agendas include routine items of business which are not controversial; do not require individual discussion; and are voted upon as one item by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by the request of any Council Member; and

WHEREAS, if so removed, said item(s) will be treated as a separate matter(s); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the Consent Agenda and determined that the matters listed are matters which require official action; but do not require further deliberation or discussion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that it hereby:

 X a. Approves the Consent Agenda as written on the agenda.

_____ b. Approves the Consent Agenda as written with the exception of the following item(s):

_____ c. Requests that all matters on the Consent Agenda be handled separately.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Proclamation - Relay for Life

Vinnie Napolitano introduced himself and Alison Schurr, former lead, on behalf of Relay for Life. He thanked Council and the community for its support and advised that the event will begin on June 7, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Moorestown High School track. He advised that Delran has joined in this year. Ms. Schurr introduced herself and advised of the activities that will be taking place. All were encouraged to get involved.

Ms. Napolitano read the proclamation aloud and presented same to Mr. Napolitano and Ms. Schurr.

PROCLAMATION

Relay for Life of Moorestown

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held in Moorestown, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Relay For Life program is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society and celebrates cancer survivors and caregivers, remembers loved ones lost to the disease, and empowers individuals and communities to fight back against cancer; and

WHEREAS, money raised during Relay for Life of Moorestown supports the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back; and

WHEREAS, Relay for Life events helped fund more than \$177.5 million in cancer research last year; and

WHEREAS, students, staff, and faculty at Moorestown High School are collaborating to hold the third Annual Relay for Life to be held in Moorestown, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Lisa Petriello, Mayor of the Township of Moorestown, do hereby proclaim June 2 through June 8, 2019, as

RELAY FOR LIFE WEEK

in Moorestown and encourage citizens to help finish the fight against cancer by participating in the Relay for Life event at Moorestown High School on Friday, June 7, 2019.

Given under my hand and seal of the Township of Moorestown this 6th day of May, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen. Lisa Petriello, Mayor

2. Proclamation - Emergency Volunteer Appreciation Month

Representatives came forward. Mayor Petriello read the proclamation aloud and presented same.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Members of Moorestown Hose Company No. 1, Relief Engine Company, Lenola Fire Department, Moorestown First Aid & Emergency Squad and Lenola Emergency Unit have selflessly served the Township of Moorestown as volunteers for many years; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers have provided continuous service, occupying several properties within the community and raising capital for property, engine houses, state-of-the-art equipment, supplies, training; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers protect and serve our amazing town and the people who live here; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers conduct a number of community traditions including the Annual Easter Flower Sale, Scarecrow making at the Autumn in Moorestown, Breakfast with Santa after the Annual Christmas Parade, Fire Engine visits from Santa; Fire Prevention Open Houses; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Moorestown values the selflessness and commitment to service that is the very heart of each of these volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, recognizes the Volunteer Members of

**MOORESTOWN HOSE COMPANY NO. 1
MOORESTOWN RELIEF ENGINE COMPANY
LENOLA FIRE DEPARTMENT
MOORESTOWN FIRST AID & EMERGENCY SQUAD
LENOLA EMERGENCY UNIT**

for their dedication and urge our citizens to join with Town Council in thanking these volunteers who have given their time, energy, and effort towards making Moorestown a safer place to live.

Given, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Moorestown this 6th Day of May in the Year Two Thousand Nineteen. Lisa Petriello, Mayor

There was much applause. One of the representatives, on behalf of Board of Fire Commissioners, Lenola EMS, thanked Council and the residents for its continued support.

At 7:14 p.m., Mr. Locatell arrived at the meeting.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: None.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: The Township Manager read Ordinance 7-2019 by title. He advised that this ordinance was presented at the last meeting, but not acted upon. Since then, some revisions have been made to make it clear that it is for only senior residents and that no more units, than were agreed to in the Settlement Agreement, can be constructed.

1. 7-2019 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN AMENDING CHAPTER 180 ENTITLED "ZONING" BY REVISING DEFINITIONS, ARTICLE XIA, THE L-MR DISTRICT AND CREATING THE AMF-2 DISTRICT IN FURTHERANCE OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

Mayor Petriello asked for discussion or a motion to introduce the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing date for May 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Gillespie
SECONDED BY: Mr. Donnelly
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA: None.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: The Township Manager read the Consent Agenda Resolutions by title.

- 1. 92-2019 AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL AND REFUND TAXES**
- 2. 93-2019 REJECTING ALL BIDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT-SCADA IMPROVEMENTS WITH COUNCIL'S AUTHORIZATION TO RE-BID WITH A SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION TO THE SCOPE OF WORK**

Mayor Petriello opened the floor for public comment. There being none, the floor was closed.

Mayor Petriello asked for discussion or a motion to adopt the resolutions.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Locatell
SECONDED BY: Ms. Gillespie
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

MINUTES: Mayor Petriello asked for discussion or a motion to adopt the minutes.

1. April 10, 2019 Budget Workshop
2. April 12, 2019 Budget Workshop
3. April 29, 2019 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Locatell
SECONDED BY: Mr. Donnelly
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: Mayor Petriello asked for discussion or a motion to approve the expenditures.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Locatell
SECONDED BY: Ms. Gillespie
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Items listed on and off the Agenda): Mayor Petriello opened the floor.

Edwin Begg, 209 Parry Drive, thanked the volunteer members that received the proclamation earlier.

Bob Reilley, 9 Gladwynne Terrace, on behalf of the Moorestown Youth Softball Association (MYSA or Association) addressed Council about the proposed softball field. Mr. Reilley claimed this field was supposed to be included with a project a decade ago. He advised that, most recently, last July, the Association was informed that the project design was moving forward. The Association since has appeared before Council and twice before the Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) and the Recreation Department. He said they are back because, as he understands it, the project is still not moving forward. He indicated that improving the current fields is not good enough. Mr. Reilley provided cancelled game statistics for the past two years, mainly due to limited access to the fields. Mr. Reilley compared the softball fields to the other sports fields in town (and around New Jersey) finding them to be top quality fields and softball's to be in need of much improvement. Mr. Reilley said they need a new field and he girls deserve a field; time for discussion and debate is over; time for action and initiative is now; or explain to the girls why they do not deserve it, he said.

Players Amanda Esposito, Brianna Misselhorn and Autumn Rogers addressed Council advising that when the skate park was torn down, they were told they would have a real field with dugouts dedicated to softball only; they are still waiting after six years. They hoped the younger girls would have the opportunity to play on their own field (like) they had hoped to one day.

Player Madison Reilley advised of the number of years she has played and the fact that she has made her best friends playing softball and being part of a team has given her a lot of confidence

and taught her how to work hard. She said she and the other players work just as hard as the boys playing baseball and they cannot understand why the boys have better fields; it is not fair; please let us have a new field.

Player Avera Reilley advised of her love for soft ball and said when she sees the fields at Pryor Park, she asks her dad why the boys get good fields and the girls don't.

Christine Parlamis, 605 Stratford Drive, advised that when her son is cold at baseball, he goes in the dugout; the girls have nowhere for shelter from the rain, cold or heat. She advised on how they have to dumpster dive for cardboard when it rains because the fields are so muddy. She noted that there is such a large contrast between the boys and girls; it sends a message that "the boys get the cake and the girls get the crumbs."

Steve Heffernen, 804 Albury Court, urged Council to give the girls what they deserve. He said they travel throughout the state and country and Moorestown's fields are low on the totem pole.

Player Elizabeth Bunnens advised of the poor condition of facilities and fields noting that the other towns' fields are better; ours are a disgrace.

Players Katlyn Marie Delrossi and Elaina advised that they could not play this evening due to the rain. Elaina did not think it was fair for the residents that live around Walker field.

Player Elliana Albert said her sister asked her why the boys in rec get uniforms and the girls only get a shirt.

Player Annabelle Furnner advised that many practices have to be canceled due to the condition of the fields.

Stephanie Mann, 611 North Washington Avenue, suggested that, until there is a solution, the girls get their fair share of time on the Pryor Park fields.

Players Melissa Krasner and Joslyn Alsbarger advised that they recently had to practice on the grass between two fields; the grass was wet. The fields are a mess when it rains and the balls got caught in the mud.

Player Melena McAllister said the boys and other towns have good fields. When it is raining, the girls have no protection from the weather. The girls should have the same type of fields as the boys.

David Barr, 220 Douglas Court, noted the courage it takes for the girls to stand up at a public meeting. He said the girls recognize the differences, but, they do not complain; they just go out there and do their best with what they have. He felt it was wrong that they have to tolerate it and exist with it this long.

Jamin Furner, 428 East Second Street, Coach, said we are raising the next generation and teaching them their next steps and what is important and how important they are. He advised that if

it has rained in the past four or five days, he has to inspect the fields prior to playing to see if there are playable. He advised that the residents take pride in the upkeep of their yards and the town and he felt that what is happening with the softball fields is substandard for Moorestown. He commended the girls.

Robert Alsburger, 215 East Camden Avenue, advised that he is an umpire all around the state. The other towns have beautiful fields and he could not say how many of his games get cancelled for Moorestown. He said the girls need to get what they deserve.

Player (did not give name) advised that at her last game it was raining and they got soaking wet as they had no protection in the dugout. They had to use a shirt to dry their face equipment off. She asked for protection in the dugouts.

Jeff Miller, 612 North Garfield Avenue, Coach, advised that they could not play this evening due to the rain yesterday. He hoped the matter would get resolved because the girls deserve better fields.

Players Cassidy Daisey and Emma Maahs noted the quick progress of the dog park and felt that the girls should have better playing fields for safety and everyone in general. It was also stated that there is no protection to the players from popup balls that go over the fence.

Players Alexis Mann and Katlyn Barr said that their fields are the worst they have ever played on and the players are made fun of from other players and coaches and it is embarrassing.

Player Ava Reilley advised that last year there was a game (at home) and it had to be cancelled due to rain; if they were at another facility, the game would not have been canceled. But, due to the Township's drainage system, they had to cancel.

Dave Misselhorn, 2 East Sutton Avenue, past resident of Maple Shade, said the boys have seven fields; the girls have zero. It is embarrassing when other towns come here; he hopes something changes.

Christine Parlamis, 605 Stratford Drive, advised that the girls gain confidence when spectators come to watch them. In other sports, there are spectator stands for visitors and the home team. For the most part, you have to bring your own chair to watch softball. It is not inviting for spectators to support the girls.

Dave Misselhorn, 2 East Sutton, noted that Council honored the volunteers earlier in the meeting; he then indicated that these men and women are volunteers, too.

Mr. Locatell said Council needs to support this. The inequity between the boys and girls is tremendous (noting the boys actually have eleven dedicated fields and not one dedicated field for the girls). Mr. Locatell did not feel that one new field is enough advising that the drainage improvements need to be done. He said the Township has assets at Wesley Bishop that need dugout roofs. He committed his men to do the concrete pads for the dugouts at Wesley Bishop. He said the towns needs to step up and gets roofs on the dugouts and the drainage fixed.

Bob Reilley, 9 Gladwynne Terrace, advised that Mr. Locatell and his crew, in the past, helped them out with upgrades at Jeff Young Park by adding inset bases, and he thanked him. He advised of their passion for softball and advised that they are not going to relent on this project.

Mr. Donnelly asked why the “young” players do not share fields; Mr. Reilley said they can. When they get older, there are differences in the fields themselves. Mr. Donnelly questioned spending \$200,000 on lighting for little league ball, noting same equaled one-third of the cost of the entire project. Mr. Donnelly applauded the players for speaking up. Mr. Donnelly expressed his dismay with the fact that this matter has been going on for a decade. Mr. Locatell noted that he has been pushing for this for a decade.

Jamie Boren, President of MYSA, advised of the years of asking for the fields – they were off, they were on. MYSA was last asked to hold tight and they have been doing that and now there are problems again. She said she was glad that Mr. Donnelly was so angry; that is also why MYSA is present. She said it is not fair and she advised how the fields are still not drained three days after the rainfall. She said that baseball has been kind and shared with them. Fall softball has to be scheduled away. She commended the hard work of the men and women. She encouraged Council to support the girls noting same is overdue. Mr. Locatell felt Council action was overdue.

Monique Begg, 209 Parry Drive, supported equal rights for the girls.

Lynne Schill, 132 Harding Avenue, thanked and commended the players for their comments. Ms. Schill said the boys have fields because they paid fifty percent of the costs for them. She asked what the proposed cost is; Ms. Gillespie said \$750,000 for one field. Mr. Neff revised the costs. He said they are working with the engineers to figure out the most cost effective way to build a field that is great for the girls but in a way that is economically responsible. He felt there will ultimately be a field that will meet their needs.

Kate Wilson, 2 Split Rock Place, thanked all that spoke and commended their passion. She expressed a concern with the tax impact and asked if this is done, what is not going to get done. Mr. Locatell advised this will be discussed at the upcoming budget meeting. He agreed that he does not want to raise taxes but also thought this project should be a priority.

Ms. Gillespie noted that the \$750,000 was not included in the capital budget and would have to be added. She also stated that no one is arguing that is not deserved. However, it is shameful that it has been placed at the bottom of the priority list again and again. Now, Council finds itself in an economic perfect storm, noting the payback of the mall tax appeal (\$850,000/year for five years). She noted that the Township received a grant for the dog park; this project does not have a grant associated with it. She appreciated the comments made this evening by the young women. Ms. Gillespie advised that Council will be going through the budget line by line – there is no easy answer.

Mr. Locatell noted the Township must pay \$350,000 this year in connection with the mall tax appeal and the Township is over \$1.5 million in additional revenues and he thinks there is room to make this work without raising taxes. He did not think Council needs to raise taxes nor sacrifice

the softball field. Mr. Donnelly questioned how Mr. Locatell can keep saying, yes and then saying we do not need to raise taxes.

AJ Mieskolainen, 403 West Third Street, member of RAC, coach and treasurer for MYSA advised that MYSA is committed to helping with the cost of this project; it is not looking for a handout. He further stated that it is his understanding that baseball does not have a 50/50 agreement with the Township.

Victoria Britton, 235 South Church Street, stated the girls need a field; the matter has been delayed for many years. She said the perception being given is that the girls are not as worthy as the boys. She asked Council to try and find money in the budget for the field.

Ryan VanderWielen, 274 West Second Street, said Council is faced with tough budget decisions. He felt that the field is a worthy cause but was skeptical of members finding same can be achieved without a tax increase. He felt the Township's needs could be met with a modest tax increase.

Edwin Begg 209 Parry Drive, expressed concern about the cost of the field. He wanted to hear a firm commitment from MYSA that it will go fifty/fifty on the costs. He expressed his concern with increasing taxes and read aloud editorials from the Moorestown Sun regarding holding our leaders accountable.

Mr. Reilley advised that MYSA made a commitment to the Recreation Department based on a percentage; and it will attempt to obtain grants if the project moves forward.

Greg Newcomer, 235 Fellowship Road, asked for clarification concerning the \$400,000 cost v. the \$700,000 costs. Mr. Neff explained that the previous planner estimated the project at close to \$500,000. The current planner felt some of the assumptions were too and it did not include soft costs or a twenty-percent contingency. Mr. Newcomer reminded Council of the civility pledge taken in the past and asked that it allow others to finish speaking. He commended the players for coming out to the meeting and encouraged them to stay involved. Mr. Newcomer advised that he was the for RAC chairman and on the Hartford Road Parks Committee (Pryor Park). He noted that the park was many years in the making. He also noted that the Department of Public Works (DPW) maintained the fields, with a lot more employees than today. He suggested increasing staff. Mr. Newcomer provided a brief history of the maintenance of the softball fields. Ms. Napolitano asked Mr. Newcomer if he recalled why Council (him included) did not move forward with the softball field in around 2014. Mr. Newcomer did not respond to the question.

Elaine Albert, 725 Jaime Drive, suggested that one of the baseball fields be repurposed as a softball field. She urged Council to set a timeline.

Mayor Petriello asked how many fields are needed to run the program. Mr. Reilley said that one way the MYSA could help financially is if it were able to hold tournaments; they would need one or two more fields, but definitely one more. He said the softball fields get used year round and never get rested. Mayor Petriello noted that one of the options was to do something at Wesley Bishop Park and she asked why that would not be viable. Mr. Reilley said the cost, due to the

insufficient soil and drainage, may be higher than the cost for a new field. Mr. Neff said he thought a refurbishing of that field was \$350,000 and there are lights there.

Kathy Samuels, 406 Park Boulevard, thanked Mr. Neff and DPW staff for visiting her property regarding storm water drainage problems on the properties. She said this problem has been brought to the attention of Council for the past ten years and it has been affecting their homes that they live in. Ms. Samuels asked if the amount on the bill list payable to Princeton Hydro was a monthly expense. Mr. Neff advised that there are two projects i.e., dredging of the Children's Pond and storm water system improvements. A brief discussion was held. Ms. Samuels noted that her neighborhood is experiencing similar issues and funding is not available for her community. Ms. Samuels asked for clarification on Ordinance 7-2019; same was given.

Kathy Sutherland, 417 North Church Street, agreed the softball fields do need improving. She complimented Mr. Locatell for offering his crew and concrete. Ms. Sutherland commented on Strawbridge Lake. In closing, she said there are other sites available for low and moderate income housing.

Melissa Burns, 8 Brooks Road, said she loves softball and would love to see fields built while recognizing the budget constraints Council faces. She said she is angry that the ordinance was passed in 2014 and nothing has happened nor brought up again until 2018. Mr. Locatell advised of other large pressing issues that arose, such as the water and affordable housing. Ms. Napolitano advised that this project has been a priority for her for a long time. She advised that the project was tied to the lacrosse field and due to the fact that an agreement could not be reached with lacrosse, the project got delayed. She said she wanted the two projects broken apart. She felt confident that the project could be done this year and she was not convinced that with it would come a tax increase. She said the situation is regrettable; however, she has been a proponent for getting the project done. Ms. Burns expressed a concern with the mall tax appeal settlement. Ms. Napolitano advised that same did not come as a surprise and Council planned for it; she commended Mr. Merchel. A brief discussion was held. In closing, Ms. Burns supported the field but questioned where Council would find the money.

Ms. Gillespie advised that Council said at a meeting last July that the project was moving forward; and it never came up again. Mr. Neff advised that he is somewhat responsible. When he came in September, bidding the water treatment plants and affordable housing were priorities. He said they are moving forward now and he felt Council was closer to being able to build a fiscally responsible field.

Mary Porter, 332 East Central Avenue, felt the boys and girls should share the fields.

Mr. Reilley, 9 Gladwynne Terrace, was not sure if baseball would agree noting if MYSA gets more, baseball gets less. He said sharing is a great thing, but baseball is not present he did not feel comfortable taking anything without them being part of the discussion.

Mr. Donnelly assured MYSA they will be getting a field; Council will find the money in this budget, he said.

There being no further comment, the floor was closed.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:

Mr. Locatell thanked everyone for attending, especially the girls. He said the field is needed and he thanked Mr. Donnelly for his commitment.

Ms. Napolitano said that, to any extent that she may be personally responsible for the delay in the project, she regrets it as she does think this is an extremely important project. She said that just because someone asks does not mean that they get it; these girls came out and told Council why they need it. She said the athletic fields are an integral part of the town. There are safety issues. She felt the softball program does great things for the young women, noting the courage of the girls this evening who spoke out. She felt it important to show the girls that they are valued and just as important as the boys. Ms. Napolitano stated that Council needs to move forward as responsible as possible but she felt it could fit the project in this year's budget. She asked Council to help get this done.

Ms. Gillespie thanked all for coming to the meeting, especially the young women. She said the girls (as well as all those that want to play sports in this town) deserve world class facilities. She said there are a lot of other things in the budget and noted the damage that could be done if they are not funded. She noted that storm water is an issue all over town – it is destroying some people's homes and properties. She reminded all that Council represents everyone in town. She appreciated the input noting it is critical to hear the people's voices.

Mr. Donnelly said, the buck stops here.

Mayor Petriello expressed her appreciation for the passion and the people coming out. She sympathized with them in their feeling that their needs are not being met. She said Council is trying to accomplish a lot of things in a responsible budget. She invited the public to the next budget meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:13 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Gillespie
SECONDED BY: Mr. Donnelly
VOTE: All in favor

PATRICIA L. HUNT, RMC
Township Clerk