The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:33 p.m. The Township Clerk made an opening announcement concerning the meeting being conducted via Zoom and how the public can participate.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Clute, Gorman

Present via Zoom Software: Coppola, Crawford, DiPietro, Maldonado, Santo,

Absent:

On January 11, 2021, official notice of this meeting was given to The Press of Atlantic City and was duly posted in Council Chambers and on the Township website.

Also Present:

Christian Johansen, Manager

Kelli Danieli, Township Clerk

Chuck Uhl, Chief, OEM

Mike Burns, Solicitor - via Zoom

Councilman Clute gave the invocation, and a moment of silence for Chief Winkler of Galloway Township Fire Department who passed away.

Deputy Mayor Crawford led the flag salute.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. **January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting**

Motions: DiPietro/Clute

Roll Call: Clute-Y, Coppola-Y, Crawford-Y, DiPietro-Y, Maldonado–Y, Santo-Y, & Gorman-Y

1. **January 19, 2021 - Closed Session (as to content only)**

Motions: Crawford/Maldonado

Roll Call: Clute-Y, Coppola-Y, Crawford-Y, DiPietro-Y, Maldonado–Y, Santo-Y, & Gorman-Y

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**:

Councilman Santo - Safety Committee - We had our annual safety review meeting on January 21, 2021. We cover over 115 square miles in our Township. Emergency response times are on average around seven minutes. The Township is doing a great job with safety.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (First Reading): N/A**

**ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING: (Second Reading) N/A**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**055-21** **Payment of bills in the amount of $1,897,652.34**

Council Comment: N/A

Motions: Maldonado/Crawford

Roll Call: Clute-Y (abstaining from fire related payments), Coppola-Y, Crawford–Y, DiPietro-Y, Maldonado–Y, Santo-Y, and Gorman-Y

**056-21** **Authorize Council to go into Closed Session**

The Township Clerk stated the need for closed session was to discuss Contract negotiations

Council Comment: N/A

Motions: Crawford/Maldonado

Roll Call: Clute-Y, Coppola-Y, Crawford–Y, DiPietro-Y, Maldonado–Y, Santo-Y, and Gorman-Y

**060-21 Authorizing Supporting the Exploration of Feasibility Study for a Shared Municipal Court**

Council Comment: Councilman Coppola- Make sure the study takes a correct sample period of time, for their research. (Not during Covid)

Motions: Coppola/Maldonado

Roll Call: Clute-Y, Coppola-Y, Crawford-Y, DiPietro-Y, Maldonado-Y, Santo-Y, and Gorman-Y

**065-21 Authorize entering into a Shared Services Agreement w/Atlantic County – Drainage Study**

Council Comment: N/A

Motions: Clute/Coppola

Roll Call: Clute-Y, Coppola-Y, Crawford-Y, DiPietro-Y, Maldonado-Y, Santo-Y and Gorman-Y

**Consent Agenda**

*Consent Agenda includes items of business which are not controversial & do not require individual discussion. A Motion approving the Consent Agenda is moved, seconded & voted upon as one item by the Township Council. If any discussion is requested on a Consent Agenda item, it is removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.*

**Consent Agenda Resolution**

**057-21** Authorizing the Township to refund for Payment of Vital Record

**058-21** Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes

**059-21** Authorize Extending Shared Service Contract w/ Somers Point – Tax Assessor Services

**061-21** Authorizing Assignment of Municipal Lien

**062-21** Authorizingthe cancellation of Taxes

**063-21** Authorizing the release of performance guarantee

**064-21** Authorizing Jay Renwick point of contact for Pineland Development Credits

**Raffles/Permits/Firemen’s Association Membership**

Daniel Haviland Jr. - Fireman’s Association Membership

Council Comments: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

Motions: Crawford/Coppola

Roll Call: Clute- Y, Coppola-Y, Crawford–Y, DiPietro-Y, Maldonado–Y, Santo-Y, and Gorman-Y

**MANAGERS REPORT**: Thanked Public Works Department and Matt Ayers for doing a great job with snow removal. Also thanked the County for stepping up and helping with Patriot Lake drainage issues.

Sewer bills are due by March 30th 2021. Shedding event is scheduled for March 6th from 9am – 12pm.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Clute – Public Works did a nice job with the snow removal. Please share the road with the plow trucks as they try to clear the roads during the storms.

Councilman Coppola – Thanked Public Works for during a great job during the storm. We need to keep the budget flat this year, without any tax increases.

Deputy Mayor Crawford – Thanked Public Works for doing a great job with the snow removal. Condolences to the Winkler Family. Just a reminder that the Covid Vaccine is starting to ramp up in Atlantic County, make sure to register for the vaccine when it becomes available.

Councilman DiPietro – Thanked Public Works for doing a great job with the snow removal. Condolences to the Winkler Family

Councilman Maldonado – Condolences to the Winkler Family. Thanked Public Works for doing a great job with the snow removal.

Councilman Santo –Condolences to the Winkler Family. Thanked Public Works for doing a great job with snow the removal

Mayor Gorman – Thanked Public Works, Police, Fire and EMS, for doing a great job in our Township.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Anna Jezycki, Gail Lane – Has concerns with the Covid Vaccine Hotline. Seniors are having issues with getting in touch with someone via the Hotline. Chief Uhl suggested they are overwhelmed at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Chief Uhl believes more Covid vaccines will be available in the near future. The Manager will have Linda Schroer, who works in Community Services, look into getting more information and hopefully a contact person in reference to the Covid vaccine.

Hearing no further comment from the public, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting to go into closed session. No action will be taken after closed session. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Crawford and seconded by Councilman Santo.Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Accepted:

Kelli Danieli, RMC /s/ Jim Gorman /s/

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Township Clerk Mayor