

**GREEN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 27, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The October 27, 2014, meeting of the Green Township Committee was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADEQUATE NOTICE: Mrs. Peralta read the statement of adequate notice.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Conkling, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Chirip, Mr. Kurzeja, and Mr. Reinbold

Also present: Mrs. Linda Peralta, Clerk/Administrator; Mr. Richard Stein, Township Attorney; Mrs. Patty DeClesis, Deputy Clerk; Mr. Watson Perigo, Municipal Department Head; Mrs. Linda Padula, CFO; Mrs. Penny Holenstein, Tax Assessor

DISCUSSIONS:

- a. **2015 Budget** – Mrs. Padula reviewed each department’s budget request sheet. Mrs. Peralta noted that contingencies have been built into some of the budgets. Mr. Perigo reviewed the DPW budget and the five year capital plan and made some adjustments. The Committee agreed to introduce an ordinance at the next meeting in order to purchase a loader using 2014 funds. The Committee discussed capital projects for 2015 and will discuss further at the next meeting.

Mrs. Holenstein discussed the benefit of an annual reassessment. The last reevaluation was done in 2012 for 2013. Inspections would be done every four years, 25% each year. The cost to cover the expenses of an inspector is approximately \$28,000.00. Mrs. Holenstein also stated the tax maps are almost completed. The project is slightly over budget by approximately \$12,000.00 due to not having received the maps from Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. in a timely manner. The Committee feels Suburban should cover the cost. Mr. Stein and Mrs. Peralta will discuss.

Mrs. Padula stated the last final bond payment for EverGreen Park was made in 2013. There are nine years left on the Trinca Airport bond. The projected savings would be \$124,000.00 over the life of the bond, the estimate per Mr. Ferry, Township Auditor, for professional fees would be approximately \$65,000.00. Mr. Steve Rogut, Bond Counsel advised Mrs. Padula that it would not be worth the savings. Mrs. Padula also stated that the current bond, the township is responsible for posting certain information on a continuing basis. The State has formed a committee to looking into to be sure the information is being posted. It was suggested to hire a financial advisor for no more than \$1,000.00, to be sure the information is updated and all information is available. The Committee agreed to not refinance and to hire a financial advisor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **Resolution 2014-152 – Tax Refund – Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service**
- b. **Resolution 2014-153 – Approve Grant Application with NJDOT Bike-2015 Proposed LHRR Bikeway- Phase I**
- c. **Minutes ready for approval – October 6, 2014, regular and executive sessions**
- d. **Department Reports**

Motion: Mr. Chirip
Seconded: Mr. Reinbold
Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Reinbold	X			
Mr. Conkling	X			

OLD BUSINESS: None

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NEW BUSINESS:

a. Resolution 2014-154 – Developers Escrow Trust (09/13/14 to 10/22/14)

Motion: Mrs. Phillips
 Seconded: Mr. Chirip
 Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Reinbold			X	
Mr. Conkling	X			

b. Resolution 2014-155 – Developers Escrow Trust (Airport Road Project) (10/22/14 to 10/22/14)

Motion: Mr. Chirip
 Seconded: Mrs. Phillips
 Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Reinbold			X	
Mr. Conkling	X			

c. Resolution 2014-156 – To Cancel Balances in the General Capital Fund to General Capital Fund Balance

Motion: Mr. Chirip
 Seconded: Mr. Reinbold
 Discussion: None

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Reinbold	X			
Mr. Conkling	X			

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Peralta noted the following:

- Response from Mrs. Peralta to the Committee’s request pertaining to the Tranquility Post Office’s zone and land use ordinance. There has been an offer to purchase this property. Mr. Kurzeja discussed going out to auction. Mr. Stein explained that due to the unique location of the property an engineer would prepare a map of what is actually selling. A selling price would be established. This would need to be publically advertised and auctioned. The buyer would purchase the property and comply with the post office’s current five year lease. The Committee would like to review the assessment values and discuss further at the next meeting.

MATTERS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:

- Mr. Chirip stated that a resident at 18 Scenic Drive would like to know if the trees in the front on his property are in the Township’s right of way and if they will be taken down. Mr. Perigo will look into. Mr. Chirip also noted a complaint and pictures he received pertaining to a home on Hibler Road that has accumulated several items on the property. Mrs. Peralta stated that the Township does not have a property maintenance ordinance, however will have the Zoning Official look into. Mr. Chirip also noted he supports Allamuchy-Green First Aid Squad’s request to order new automatic stretchers. Mr. Chirip participated in a tour with the Green Hills School 6th grade class and the Fire Department. A member of the Fire

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Department noted it would be beneficial to have another ram for the jaws-of-life. The cost is approximately \$2,500.00.

- Mr. Reinbold stated a resident requested information from the County for a potential crosswalk from Creek Road across County Route 611 and would like a Township Committee member to follow up. Mrs. Peralta requested a status update from the County however has not yet had a response.
- After the last Committee meeting, Mrs. Phillips researched the cost of electronic speed radar signs. For a simple trailer machine the cost is estimated to be \$5-6,000.00. It may be worthwhile for the Township to purchase one that can moved around town where speeders are noted. The Committee would like more time to review.
- Mayor Conkling asked if there is an ordinance for snow, leaves and debris being deposited into the streets and/or storm drains. He has noticed residents blowing leaves out onto the roads and into the catch basins. Mr. Stein will review the ordinance to be sure it includes leaves and debris and make a recommendation to the Committee.

MATTERS FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: Mrs. Peralta noted the following:

- Draft resolution from the League of Municipalities. There is potential for a recommendation from the Pension and Benefit Study Commission. The State pension system is funded separately from the local. The State have not funded theirs, the locals have funded. The Study Commission may recommend to combine the funds which will put a burden on the locals. This sample resolution states that this is not acceptable.

Motion: Mrs. Phillips

Seconded: Mr. Kurzeja

Discussion: Mr. Reinbold does not feel he knows enough about the league's stand on this issue.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Reinbold			X	
Mr. Conkling	X			

This is Resolution 2014-157.

- Mrs. Peralta received a phone call from a real estate agent regarding the 23 acre property at 94 Mackerley Road. The property has been for sale for some time. The agent asked if the Township would be interested in this property as an open space acquisition. Mrs. Holenstein explained that she and Mr. Caruso, Chairman of the Open Space Committee, have looked at the property. The property adjoins the preserved Polowy property. The Open Space Committee will discuss at their next meeting.

MATTERS FROM THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY: None

MATTERS FROM THE MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT HEAD: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS: Mr. Alan Esenlohr, 51 Hibler Road, stated that he read an article in the newspaper regarding participation in a co-op electric purchasing program. Some neighboring towns are participating in the program. Mr. Stein explained this is a very complex undertaking. Mr. Stein has reviewed the contract and advises municipalities not to sign contracts with third party providers due to several provisions that are objectionable. Residents can sign up individually with a third party electric company.

Jackie Espinoza, JCP&L – advised to check the website for providers. Ms. Espinoza alerted the Committee of the nationwide utility scam. They have the ability to change the caller ID to register JCP&L and typically contact business customers, restaurants, etc. JCP&L is working with the FBI. Please advise residents to be aware.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Stein read Resolution ES 2014-14 to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Mr. Chirip motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

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Seconded: Mr. Kurzeja
Discussion: None

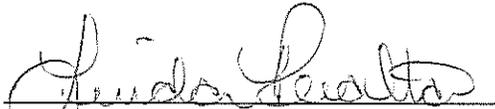
	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	X			
Mr. Kurzeja	X			
Mrs. Phillips	X			
Mr. Reinbold	X			
Mr. Conkling	X			

No official action will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion duly made the Committee adjourned.

*ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THESE MINUTES



Linda Peralta, RMC
Clerk/Administrator

11/12/2014
Date Approved

**RESOLUTION 2014-152
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE- TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREEN IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the following taxes be refunded as hereinafter set forth:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME AND REASON	AMOUNT
48	13	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service Refund Department PO Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9858	\$ 1,894.74

Refund overpayment as mortgage company paid for prior owner after house was sold.

DATED: October 27, 2014

I, Linda Peralta, Township Clerk of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on October, 27, 2014.



Linda Peralta, Township Clerk

cc: Karen Ferrone, Tax Collector
Linda Padula, CMFO

Vote on Resolution:

	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	1st ✓			
Mr. Kurzeja	✓			
Mrs. Phillips	✓			
Mr. Reinbold	2nd ✓			
Mr. Conkling	✓			

**RESOLUTION 2014-153
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Proposed LHRR Bikeway – Phase I Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as BIKE-2015-Proposed LHRR Bikeway – Phase I-00078 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Green Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Green Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

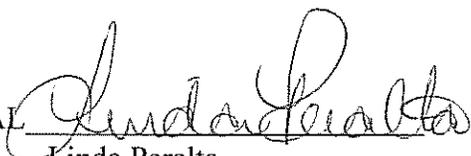
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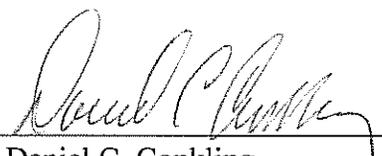
I, Linda Peralta, Township Clerk of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on October 27, 2014.

Vote on Resolution:

	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	1st ✓			
Mr. Kurzeja	✓			
Mrs. Phillips	✓			
Mr. Reinbold	2nd ✓			
Mr. Conkling	✓			

My signature and the Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL 
 Linda Peralta
 Clerk/Administrator


 Daniel C. Conkling
 Mayor, Township of Green

**RESOLUTION 2014-154
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREEN IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the List of Bills for the Developers Escrow Trust dated from 09/13/2014 to 10/22/2014 attached to and made a part of this Resolution is hereby accepted and approved for payment.

DATED: October 27, 2014

I, Linda Peralta, Township Clerk of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on October 27, 2014.


Linda Peralta, Township Clerk

cc: Linda Padula, CFO

Record of Vote:

	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	2nd ✓			
Mr. Kurzeja	✓			
Mrs. Phillips	1st ✓			
Mr. Reinbold			✓	
Mr. Conkling	✓			

cc: Linda Padula, CMFO

**List of Bills - (1410101002) CASH - Sussex Bank
DEVELOPERS ESCROW TRUST**
Meeting Date: 10/27/2014 For bills from 09/13/2014 to 10/22/2014

ck#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
* 7170	1632 - Laddey, Clark & Ryan LLP	PO 10686 Forest Knoll PB470	300.00	300.00
7171	522 - Lyn Paul Aaroe, Esq.	PO 10623 BA1409 Russo 70/13	187.50	
		PO 10687 Alles BA1405 45/18	25.00	212.50
7172	520 - Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.	PO 10688 DW1411 Kerr 70/6	125.00	
		PO 10689 SE3040 Tremblay/Zane 14/1.01	133.75	
		PO 10690 DW1404 & DW1312 Forest Knoll	500.00	758.75
	TOTAL			----- 1,271.25

Total to be paid from Fund 14 DEVELOPERS ESCROW TRUST 1,271.25
1,271.25

* Print error for check #7167-7169

**RESOLUTION 2014-155
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GREEN IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the List of Bills for the Developers Escrow Trust dated from 10/22/2014 to 10/22/2014 attached to and made a part of this Resolution is hereby accepted and approved for payment.

DATED: October 27, 2014

I, Linda Peralta, Township Clerk of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on October 27, 2014.


Linda Peralta, Township Clerk

cc: Linda Padula, CFO

Record of Vote:

	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	1st ✓			
Mr. Kurzeja	✓			
Mrs. Phillips	2nd ✓			
Mr. Reinbold			✓	
Mr. Conkling	✓			

cc: Linda Padula, CMFO

**List of Bills - (1410101002) CASH - Sussex Bank
DEVELOPERS ESCROW TRUST**
Meeting Date: 10/27/2014 For bills from 10/22/2014 to 10/22/2014

ck#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
7173	520 - Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.	PO 10624 Occhifinto/Airport Rd SE3036 31-1,	107.00	
		PO 10691 SE1408 Cedar Peak 31/1.06	141.51	248.51
	TOTAL			----- 248.51
Total to be paid from Fund 14 DEVELOPERS ESCROW TRUST			248.51	
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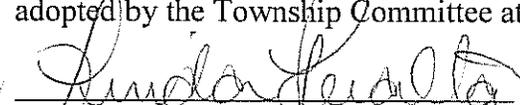
**RESOLUTION 2014-156
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Green authorizes the CFO to cancel the following balances in the total amount of \$42,057.73 in the General Capital Fund to General Capital Fund Balance and to Deferred Charges for Future Taxation - Unfunded:

FROM:	Ordinance 2014-10 Improvement to Roads 04-215-55-988-020	\$11,261.72
	Capital Reserve – Imp to Airport 04-226-55-757	\$ 47.86
TO:	General Capital – Fund Balance 04-400-65	\$11,309.58
FROM:	Ordinance 2013-01 – Multipurpose Bond (Ambulance) 04-215-55-984-028	\$30,748.15
TO:	Deferred Charges for Future Taxation – Unfunded 04-198-06	\$30,748.15

DATED: October 27, 2014

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Linda Peralta, Clerk/Administrator

Cc: Linda Padula, CMFO

Record of Vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	1st ✓			
Mr. Kurzeja	✓			
Mrs. Phillips	✓			
Mr. Reinbold	2nd ✓			
Mr. Conkling	✓			

RESOLUTION 2014-157
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ

**URGING GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE AND PRESERVE
STRENGTH OF LOCAL PENSION FUNDING WHEN CONSIDERING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF GOVERNOR CHRISTIE'S PENSION AND HEALTH
BENEFIT STUDY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, State actuaries confirm that the bipartisan pension and benefit reforms that were enacted in 2010 and 2011, coupled with the consistent pension payments made by responsible local governing bodies, are delivering the savings that had been promised by their advocates; and

WHEREAS, when analyzing the fiscal health of public employee pension and benefit systems, the experts make a distinction between local commitments for local employees and retirees, and the commitments that are the State government's responsibility; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest valuation reports, the local government Public Employees Retirement System (local PERS) and the local Police and Fire Retirement System (local PFRS) are actuarially sound, in large part due to the fact that municipalities and counties have made full employer contributions as required under the law for over a decade, with local PERS currently funded (comparing assets to liabilities) at 73.9% and local PFRS is currently funded at 76.9%, according to the experts; and

WHEREAS, the State PERS, on the other hand, is currently funded at 48.1%, and State PFRS is a little better, at 50.8%; and

WHEREAS, the Officers of the League of Municipalities have submitted a statement to Governor Christie's Pension and Health Benefit Study Commission, urging that the Final Report and Recommendations of that Study Commission not, in any way, weaken the vitality of the local pension plans; and

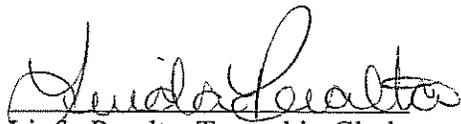
RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Green urges State policy-makers to recognize and protect the strength of the local PERS and local PFRS systems, and reject any recommendations that would threaten municipal budgets and property taxpayers; and be it, further,

RESOLVED, that, while we recognize the State's budget problems and we are anxious to help in any way we can, we cannot help in any way that shifts new burdens to our property taxpayers and our dedicated public servants; and be it finally,

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff, our State Senator Steven Oroho, our two representatives in the General Assembly, Parker Space and Alison Littlel McHose, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

DATED: October 27, 2014

I, Linda Peralta, Township Clerk of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Township Committee on October 27, 2014.



Linda Peralta, Township Clerk

Record of Vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip				
Mr. Kurzeja				
Mrs. Phillips				
Mr. Reinbold				
Mr. Conkling				

**RESOLUTION ES 2014-14
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 (N.J.S.A. 10:13-12) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

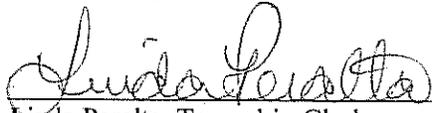
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 requires the adoption of a resolution prior to the Township Committee going into Closed Session stating the general nature of the subject matter to be discussed and generally the time and circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Closed Session can be disclosed to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon and hereinafter specified subject matter(s)
2. The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is as follows:
 _____ Personnel _____ Contract _____ Real Property
 _____ Public Safety X Litigation/Potential Litigation _____ Attorney-Client
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter(s) will be made public at the conclusion of each individual specified subject matter.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately Time: 8:38 Motion/2nd: _____

Dated: October 27, 2014

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 Linda Peralta, Township Clerk

Record of Vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip	1st ✓			
Mr. Kurzeja	2nd ✓			
Mrs. Phillips	✓			
Mr. Reinbold	✓			
Mr. Conkling	✓			