

**Planning Board Professional(s):**

**Solicitor:** Christopher Brown, Esq.: (Excused)

**Engineer:** James A. Mott, P.E., of Mott Associates: (Excused)

**Planner:** Vincent Polistina, P.P., of Polistina and Associates: (Excused)

**Planning Board Deannexation Professional(s):**

Special Counsel: Dean R. Marcolongo, Esq. (present)

Special Planner: Stuart B. Wiser, P.P., A.I.C.P., Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers (present)

A special meeting of the Planning Board of Egg Harbor Township was held on the above date, 6:00 p.m., prevailing time, Egg Harbor Township Hall, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey. The Chairperson opened the meeting by reading the statement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Roll Call Taken as Follow(s):**

Manuel E. Aponte, V-Chair., present

Charles Eykyn, present

James Garth, Sr., Chairperson, present

Frank Kearns, present – left @ 6:21 p.m.

Dennis Kleiner, Alt. #1, excused

Robert Levy, another engage.

Mayor James J. McCullough, Jr., \* See below

Peter Miller, Township Administrator, recused

Committeewoman, Laura Pfrommer, present

Daniel Pittaro, Alt. #II, excused

Paul Rosenberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> V-Chairperson, present

**\*May the record reflect:** Mayor James J. McCullough has recused himself from these hearings. He has sent Atlantic County Freeholder, John Carman, in his place.

Chairman Garth advised the Board would like to extend their sincere sympathies to Mr. Doyle on his recent loss

**PUBLIC HEARING(S):**

- Public Hearing:** Deannexation petition submitted by the Seaview Harbor section of Egg Harbor Township seeking annexation with Longport Borough.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo advised he was prepared to call former Fire Chief, William Dan Dean, to appear before the Board and make a presentation to the Board concerning the Egg Harbor Township Fire Department and services that are rendered throughout the community and to Seaview Harbor. He indicate he has learned within the last half hour that Chief Danz will not be appearing here this evening. He indicated he is not 100% of his motive but he understands there may have been a miscommunication as to the time. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated he may have thought the meeting was going to start at 5:00 p.m. rather than 6:00 p.m. tonight. He stated he does not know where that misunderstanding took place regarding the time. However, I do understand that he was upset by that and advised he would not be appearing here this evening.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated as he looks around the room he does not see him here at this point. He indicated again, he has known about this for upwards of thirty minutes now and he is surprised by it. He indicated Mr.

Miller knew about this a little longer than himself and he reached out to Mr. Doyle as a professional courtesy and advise him of the difficulty we were having. He further noted that he would have done the same as Mr. Doyle has done here tonight and that is to appear and place my face before the Board to find out what is going on and certainly to deal with it in terms of future scheduling.

Attorney Doyle stated first he would like to comment that he appreciates kindness of words of condolence and sadness. Attorney Doyle stated we are all surprised, disappointed and frustrated. He indicated this Board has worked hard, the professionals have worked hard. He stated this is unfortunate but more than that it is unacceptable. He indicated every problem has to have a solution. He indicated the issue of fire has been an important one in this matter. He indicated Chief Danz, to his credit, did prepare a significant package, and we have not always seen that in advance and on Friday afternoon, through Mr. Marcolongo's office we saw a 13 item report and he holds in front of the Board about an inch thick of papers dealing with issues that have been discussed significantly with this Board.

Attorney Doyle stated the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fire at Seaview, mutual aid from Atlantic County, the Longport Mutual Aid red book the whole issue bears upon that we have discussed about the roles of Longport and Egg Harbor Township. The role of being first responder, how that is different than mutual aid, the Longport Bridge pipe he was going to mention, the radio policy that shows how the people in all five (5) companies report and who is the second reporter. So all of those issues that Chief Danz, Aqua Water Company, Seaview Water Company. He was prepared to talk about all these things which we've been talking about. So we had someone before us ready who is knowledgeable. It was clear it was going to be Chief Danz, he put his significant resume of many years of service and he also started a Scout Troop, he was in Little League, served on the Board of Education. Attorney Doyle stated he never met the gentleman but he sounded like he was "Joe Community".

Attorney Doyle stated whatever happened tonight and he believes we need to place on the record directly through Mr. Miller and the Board Secretary what exactly happened because he is going to ask the Board to allow its Chairman, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10 ( c ), which he has discussed this with Mr. Marcolongo, (May the record reflect Attorney Doyle then read from the section quoted) "the officer presiding at the hearing or such person that he may designate shall have power to administer oaths and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant evidence including witnesses and documents".

Attorney Doyle stated for the reasons he has laid forth the Fire Chief is a relevant party. Attorney Doyle stated he is an important witness, he has significant information. He stated he cannot cross examine the papers. He stated he would wish he had reconsidered but we do not know that he will and there is not another Chief. So his first request is to place on the record so it justifies the issuance of the subpoena what happened tonight. The total lack of expectation. Attorney Doyle stated he spoke with Mr. Marcolongo and he told him he had a meeting with Mr. Danz on Friday morning. Mr. Danz presented this package and Mr. Marcolongo sent it along to him and he reviewed careful and we are prepared to go. He stated we are only missing one thing, Chief Danz.

Attorney Doyle so he believes two (2) things one to place on the record what happened tonight so that if there is an issue as whether the subpoena should be issued or whatever. We have what would seem to be the importance of the witness, importance of the information he was prepared to bring forward, and its significance in this entire matter and he other than perhaps a miscommunications at best that would have caused him to be here an hour longer chose not to, for perhaps for the first time in his life, based upon record not heed the call of duty.

Attorney Doyle stated he would like it on the record, sworn if Mr. Marcolongo feels that is necessary, to say what happened tonight and then secondly a vote of the Board to authorize the Chairman to issue a subpoena to have Mr. Danz testify at a given time and place.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo advised we may want to hear from our Board Secretary regarding the events this afternoon. He stated she may have information for us. Board Secretary Wilbert stated between 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. this afternoon Mr. Danz came into the office and he went back to the Fire Inspections office. She advised maybe about 4:00 p.m. or a little after Mr. Danz came out and asked me what time I was going downstairs for the meeting. She indicated she advised him it would not be for a little while since the meeting did not begin until 6:00 p.m. Board Secretary Wilbert indicated at that moment Chief Danz became very irate. He stated he was done, used an expletive comment, said that he was not coming down that he was told the meeting started at 5:00 p.m. not at 6:00 p.m. She advised he indicated he was tired of this and as he was storming into the back he told me I could tell Administrator Miller that he was not coming and that the meeting could be cancelled this evening.

Board Secretary Wilbert advised Mr. Danz went down the back door. She advised she double checked with the Fire Inspections Clerk to see if he actually left and she (Fire Inspections Clerk) stated yes. Board Secretary Wilbert stated she went downstairs to advise Administrator Miller and at which time she saw Chief Danz in administrations office. Board Secretary Wilbert advised she went back upstairs. She indicated a little while later Administrator Miller called her and advised Chief Danz said the same thing. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated he has spoken with Administrator Miller confirms a similar situation.

Board Member Rosenberg stated a few meetings ago while discussing Chief Danz and his importance there was speculation as to his resignation as Chief of the Department whether or not he would be able to testify. He asked if there is someone else in the capacity of leadership within the Fire Departments that would be able to give testimony. Board Member Rosenberg stated his reason for the question is regardless of whatever frustration may have happened with Bill this afternoon if his frustration is not mellowed by the time he is subpoenaed he may not be of any use of us or Mr. Doyle.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated obviously he has not had the opportunity to investigate whether another person might be able to testify in this capacity. He indicated at this point he has not had the opportunity to review that law and that may be the best option is to bring someone who desires to testify and who may very well be able to fill the Board in all that type of information. He advised the second option obviously, if we cannot find someone to testify for us, we may very well and we do have the authority to subpoena former Chief Danz to prepare the report.

Board Member Rosenberg asked procedurally speaking to issue a subpoena from this Board does it have to be something done in this general session or is something that needs to be issued this particular meeting. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated if the Board instructed him to do so he would handle the issues of the subpoena. Board Member Rosenberg stated so it is not imperative that it is done this evening. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated this is correct. Board Member Rosenberg advised for the record in general he would not be so inclined to issue that subpoena at this time. He indicated Attorney Doyle made reference to the former Chief's long history of service and he would not want to speculate too deeply what happened this afternoon and he would like some type of conversation either later tonight, tomorrow or the day after and if he is still uncooperative than he would be inclined to ask Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo to issue the subpoena. He indicated these are his thoughts and he will yield to the majority of the Board.

Freeholder Carman stated the Board may want to investigate brining in Scullville's Fire Chief who is the responding department. He advised is their territory. He advised they are the first Township companies called there. He advised it may be something to investigate and the Township does have the option to subpoena Chief Danz. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated again the Board is calling their witnesses at this time. So if you feel we may be able to receive all the information we need from the Chief of Scullville's Fire Department. Freeholder Carman stated which is

possible, he does not know, because he has not spoken to him about this matter. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated you may ask him to investigate that and take appropriate action if he does not feel we are going to receive enough information from him and then we can subpoena Chief Danz.

Board Member Aponte he indicated a subpoena should be a nuclear option. He indicated trying to get him to come, he stated everyone has a bad day, so let us say it was a really bad day today and we will try to get him to come out and if not we will try number two (2), as Freeholder Carman just said, and last case scenario to do a subpoena. He indicated he would not be inclined to do a subpoena today; right now. Chairman Garth stated he agrees. He advised, personally he does not think and this is only his opinion, that anyone would know more about the transactions that Chief Danz made other than Chief Danz. He stated he is very involved with the Fire Department but not that much involved and he only hears things and hearsay is terrible sometimes. Board Member Aponte stated the Board should let Mr. Marcolongo hash this out.

Special Board Planner Wisner stated it if makes any sense maybe offer a third opinion between the Scullville Chief and Chief Danz and that is to explore the Deputy Chief, the person who is the Acting Chief now or whatever the title is, so that would even take us a step further from any subpoena action. Board Member Rosenberg stated the Scullville Chief maybe preferable to the Deputy Chief. He indicated it may be a closer experience and perhaps if Mr. Marcolongo approached Chief Fiedor, Scullville's Chief, just as back-up and get him prepared with Mr. Danz documents. Freeholder Carman stated the Deputy Chief is the Chief of Cardiff, one of the other ones. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated Scullville's Chief would be considered first and the Deputy Chief the Township would be considered second. Township Committeewoman Pfrommer stated he just assumed this position when Chief Danz left. She indicated on the administrative side Chief Danz handled this. She indicated her thought is to try and get Chief Danz back first but we must have a back-up to that. Chairman Garth advised the Deputy Chief has only been in the Chief's position for a few months and may not be privy to some of the information Chief Danz has and the document that Attorney Doyle has Chief Danz was adamant about writing that up.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated fair enough and he will do the investigation and report back on the issue of the Fire Department. Attorney Doyle excused himself. He stated before a decision is made he would just like to address. He indicated he appreciates there are long standing relationships here, which he is unfamiliar with. He stated he did make reference to Chief Danz's long and commendable record of public, civic and community service. But when he hears, well let's wait until he gets mellow because than he might be a better witness, when I hear he is entitled to a courtesy, we are all entitled to a courtesy that we have not been shown. He indicated we are all entitled to his knowledge, his experience.

Attorney Doyle stated he put this package together. He advised this package really consist of nothing but public records and could have been OPRA, as he has been trying to do, OPRA records he just does not know what the witness is going to testify from and Mr. Danz made that clear. Attorney Doyle stated what is unique to Mr. Danz is when you look at those public records and there is a discussion at Township Committee as to whether the hydrant's in Seaview Harbor are adequate and whether or not the Township should consent to the transfer the person at that Committee Hearing was Mr. Danz. When there is a discussion about whether the pipe should be put on the yet to be constructed bridge in 2013, now constructed, as he understands it without the pipe, it was Mr. Danz who is writing that stuff. So when you talk about the capacity to bring down a fire and what was the capacity and what happened on July 3<sup>rd</sup> that was what Mr. Danz was ready to testify to.

Attorney Doyle stated this isn't that this, he stated he does not want to make any human being indispensable, but this is not something that you just send in a pinch hitter. He indicated it is doubly frustrating because we are having the same situation with the Police Chief and the clock is running. He indicated they had thought the Police Chief was going to

testify in April. He indicated when he says the Police Chief you may ask which one you mean the old one or the new one, but the present Police Chief, and he will have to look at his notes because he gets confused between Mr. Morris and Mr. Davis. He indicated Chief Davis took over on February 1<sup>st</sup>, so when he exchanged emails with Mr. Marcolongo mid-April and he said we would have the Police Chief at the next meeting he does not think either of them add in their emails whether it was Morris or Davis, but it was going to be a Police Chief and then we did not have the Police Chief than the old Police Chief, whom he understands had started to put together notes, decided, no I am not there anymore I don't have to testify and Chief Davis said well I have not done anything so I am not ready. So we are supposed to, from the discussions he had with Mr. Marcolongo and Board Secretary Wilbert have our next meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> and we do not even know if we have a witness. The Board does not know if they will be able to present anyone.

Board Member Aponte stated to Mr. Doyle that he does not want him to think in the way that he said what he said about the Fire Chief that former or present that he is giving him a pass. Board Member Aponte stated he does not believe that was expressed by him or anyone else. He indicated he is not giving anyone a pass. It was not professional and not respectful to anyone sitting up here or down there. So the way he counselled was a little nicer than what would have been said out of the room, however, that being said I do not disagree with you and if we do not receive satisfaction we will have a subpoena and he will be the first to make the motion. Attorney Doyle stated but that will be at the July meeting for the August meeting. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated there will be witnesses at the July meeting. He indicated he has the auditor, Mr. Costello, and we are thinking about the Business Administrator of the Egg Harbor Township School District. He indicated between those two (2) there will be a witness at the July meeting.

Attorney Doyle stated he would add that hopefully that witness, because we had the public works director, who testified fine, but tried to OPRA the documents that he was going to rely upon and he came and read from a pre-determined statement that was available and would have and should have available to him pursuant to his OPRA request so if we are going to have unknown witnesses he trust they are going to know, specified and have reports in sufficient time before than for him to examine. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated he agrees. Attorney Doyle stated he even appreciates, with Mr. Danz, what happened here even on the short notice but something, hopefully a little longer than three (3) days or the weekend before. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated he agrees with Mr. Doyle.

Attorney Doyle advised he will attempt to use whoever the Fire witness is, Mr. Danz report, and he would still hope that is the first option. He advised it is only fair to the Board, to the professional's across the Board, but most of all left out, who is frustrated, the people who collectively, honestly paid the most to be here and who paid for this microphone and this hearing, his clients. He indicated it is a hard job to explain to them why the Statute says 45 days, which is crazy, and we are now a year and a half out. He indicated the Board has been kind in times of stress to him when he has needed an adjournment and so he will not be looking back he will be looking forward. He stated in talking with Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo in looking forward I said instead of going from meeting to meeting can we pick a day three (3) months out and say that is the end date and at least try and compress the witness schedule within that time period because after the witnesses end, as pointed out by Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo, Special Board Planner Wiser will testify and cross examined. He indicated the Board will then find facts and then based upon those facts make a resolution as to their impact statement and report to Township Committee, which will take a couple months.

Attorney Doyle stated if we do not put a deadline forget counting off the months we are counting off the years and none of us what to do that. Board Member Aponte stated he would like to personally apologize to everyone in the audience, who came in on their free time, to do this. He indicated it is not right. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated the difficulty with a firm drop dead date it does not account for things that we are dealing with this evening. Attorney Doyle stated this was this morning before the provable hit the fan. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated we were talking about this yes but that's the problem with that type of deadline it does not account for the problems that occur on a daily basis.

Attorney Doyle stated he had suggested September 30<sup>th</sup> and it is no more authoritative than any other date. He indicated at least we need a target to shoot at and try to get everything done by some date. Freeholder Carman stated we just have to schedule as many meetings as we can to get it done. He stated putting a date out there is not going to help any if we cannot schedule the meetings. Attorney Doyle it gives us a parameter and a built in incentive to meet that deadline and he agreed with Freeholder Carman and maybe the best way to do that because life gets in the way but there are always tapes that can be listened to. He stated if we could at least with the Board blessing's look at a three (3) month calendar we would know pretty much what vacations we have scheduled.

Special Board Planner Wiser advised Board Secretary Wilbert sent out a request for three (3) months of dates today. Attorney Doyle stated he had not had a chance to speak with her about it. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated he had not have a chance to speak with her either. He further noted he sees a target given the number of people needed to be called and how we have proceeded to date a target of the end of October such as October 31<sup>st</sup>. Attorney Doyle stated Halloween would be appropriate. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated this would be a target but if we are looking for someone from the Fire Department, someone from the Police Department, someone from the Board of Education, the Township Auditor, who is also the Board of Education Auditor, and an evening for the members of the public to come out we are looking at; at least five (5) meetings.

Board Member Rosenberg stated he does not know how we went from Chief Danz to setting a deadline. He indicated he is not incline to take an action to put a firm date on the record if the two (2) attorney's from both sides would like to make a professional agreement that is fine. But he is not incline to place something on the record. Board Member Aponte stated, meaning it is a moving target. Chairman Garth stated after what happened this afternoon it is a moving target. Township Committeewoman Pfrommer stated she does not think this will happen again. She stated barring some type of emergency any other witness we have lined up we do not have them sitting there in the back room an hour in advance. She stated we have at least five (5) more witnesses that we are putting up. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated as of right now, yes.

Attorney Doyle stated as heard from Mr. Marcolongo that two (2) or three (3) will be on notice for the same night and not released hopefully until the same day. So that we know we will have someone. Attorney Doyle stated he hears the Board about subpoenaing Chief Danz, but that may well serve notice that the Board is intent to hear the people. Freeholder Carman stated it might well end up doing that. Board Member Aponte stated it is on the table. It definitely not off the table. Chairman Garth stated let Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo speak with Chief Danz and see what he can arrange with Chief Danz. As he said, he was the one involved with a lot of the negotiations and the mutual aid agreements with Longport for fire. Attorney Doyle stated this makes his point about Chief Danz's uniqueness and reason to have him and no one else.

Board Member Rosenberg asked if a determination by Friday concerning Chief Danz unreasonable. Board Member Aponte stated it depends upon how cooperative he is. Board Member Rosenberg stated this would be resolution also if he were uncooperative. Attorney Doyle stated the statute states the Chair shall issue the subpoena. He indicated he does not know if it takes the Board to vote for it but at least the conditional authority that if Mr. Danz says I am not coming ever then the subpoena could be issued. Board Member Rosenberg stated this is the answer to his question previously concerning the procedural necessity of it. He asked if a motion is needed to give Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo to do this. Board Member Rosenberg stated he also agrees with Board Member Aponte he was not giving the Chief a pass. He stated he was thinking giving a day or two (2), three (3) at the most to figure out what we are doing. He stated he is either going to show-up, be subpoenaed, or he is not going to be productive and we need to find second person.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated we could have another situation where he comes in and sits there and refuses to answer any questions and then we have blown another evening. Attorney Doyle stated if there is a second witness ready to testify we have only blown that five (5) minutes. He indicated the Statute also makes reference to the County and Municipal Investigation Law that provides sanctions for a non-cooperative witness. Freeholder Carman stated if his member serves him correct Attorney Doyle is correct it is the power of the Chair to issue the subpoena. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated he would prepare the subpoena for signature. Freeholder Carman stated we should try to get Chief Danz back in and it might not be a bad idea to speak with Chief Fiedor and to have him here also, if he is willing. Freeholder Carman stated he has no idea if he is willing or not. He indicated if it is not worked out in two (2) weeks than the Chairman can issue subpoena.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo asked if this is the consensus of the Board, two (2) weeks. Freeholder Carman stated within a reasonable time frame. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated it seems to be the consensus of the Board that he has been authorized, at his discretion, to issue that summons. Board Member Aponte stated if Chairman Garth does not feel comfortable in doing so he could pass it along to him as the Vice-Chairman of the Board. Chairman Garth stated he has known Chief Danz for 45 years and it is hard to do that. Freeholder Carman stated if Chairman Garth is not available that day we do have a Vice-Chairman. Attorney Doyle stated we have a transition in the Fire Department and a transition in the Police Department. Attorney Doyle stated two (2) weeks maybe a little long, but the Board will figure out and hopeful Chief Danz will answer the phone tomorrow or the next day.

Township Committeewoman Pfrommer stated we are going into a holiday weekend, the Fourth of July, he has probably going away. Attorney Doyle stated we have the same issue with the Police Chief. Board Member Aponte suggested one issue at a time, since there are other witnesses. He indicated the Board will take care of it. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo indicated if he cannot have someone from Fire on the 28<sup>th</sup> or someone from Police on the 28<sup>th</sup> he will have another witness or two (2) available on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Garth stated he will not be in attendance on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July.

Attorney Doyle stated when he spoke with Mr. Marcolongo the comprehensive report Chief Danz produced would be marked into evidence before the meeting. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated he does have one that is pre-marked but he will be changing the numbers. Attorney Doyle stated he was going to suggest, assuming someone is going to testify, it might have a lot of information for the Board, and he has no objection to it being marked for identification, if not into evidence and circulated among the Board. He stated he would actually encourage this so they may familiarize themselves with what the testimony is going to be.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated he would be uncomfortable marking items into evidence that very well may not be testified to during the hearing. Attorney Doyle stated he cannot imagine that Fire, for all the reasons we have talked about tonight and before, as important as it is, and they all public documents that they cannot go into the record. He stated it seems unfair to the Board Members not have them. He asked Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo to reconsider and let them see it beforehand.

Special Board Planner Wisner asked if he could just confirm that the next meeting is the 28<sup>th</sup> of July at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Garth stated yes. Freeholder Carman stated for the record he will be a little late because there will be a Freeholder meeting that night.

**\*\* May the record reflect:** Board Member Kearns left the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Motion **Rosenberg/Carman** to schedule special meeting for **Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 5:00 p.m.**, prevailing time. **Vote 6**

**Yes:** Aponte, Carman, Eykyn, Garth, Pfrommer, Rosenberg

Motion / to carry public hearing to **Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 5:00 p.m.**, prevailing time. **Vote 6 Yes:** Aponte, Carman, Eykyn, Garth, Pfrommer, Rosenberg

**SUMMARY MATTER(S):**

**SECTION I: Discussions of matters pertaining to the Board:**

**A: General public discussion: Motion Rosenberg/Pfrommer to open public portion. Vote 6 Yes.**

John Anthony Stroble, 107 South 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Longport, New Jersey, duly sworn: Mr. Stroble indicated he has been a Longport Firefighter since 2003. He indicated he has been on most of the calls at Seaview Harbor at the homes and at the marina. Mr. Stroble stated he is the former commissioner of public safety in which the police and fire department reported to him. He indicated he is present to tell the Board it is a simple matter of geography. He indicated they're able to get there faster. They're less than a mile away from their fire station. He indicated their police officers respond to help domestic calls or help concerns and their ambulance and fire trucks do the same.

Mr. Stroble stated he has been on many of the fire's there and he knows a little about firefighting. He stated he is a graduate of the Atlantic County Fire Academy, fire fighter one, but he stated he is here to tell the Board if they are interested in what the fire department is interested that is protecting lives and property. He stated they are able to respond.

Mr. Stroble stated Scullville is a distance away and it involves transiting through Somers Point. He stated we frequently respond to Somers Point and other places when asked. He stated he would be happy to answer any questions the Board would like to ask him about firefighting in that particular little area isolated from everything else. Chairman Garth stated he does not believe there is any questions the Board needs to ask Mr. Stroble at this time. Mr. Stroble stated ok, thank you, but as a member of the public he stated he is concerned about and he knows the Board is probably all volunteer and give freely of your time to your community and this thing is stringing out forever over something that is pretty simple. He stated probably Chief Danz and the Police Chief are afraid to come here and testify because of the political uncertainties. Township Committeewoman Pfrommer advised she does not believe so sir. Mr. Stroble stated he would submit to the Board, as a tax payer, and as the Board is all tax payers it would be very nice if we would move this along.

Chairman Garth asked if there was anyone else. Seeing no one he asked for a motion to close the public portion.

**Motion Aponte/Rosenberg to close public portion. Vote 6 Yes.**

**Motion Aponte/Rosenberg to adjourn at 6:45 P.M.** Vote 6 Yes: Aponte, Carman Eykyn, Garth, Pfrommer, Rosenberg.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Wilbert, Secretary