

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 29, 2019

The Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was held in the Main Meeting Room in the Municipal Building.

PRESENT: Mayor Stephen Benowitz
Deputy Mayor Eugene Fuzy
Committeeman Eric Holliday
Committeeman James Kostoplis
Committeeman Ken Mason (entered at 6:34 pm)
Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Elsasser
Acting Township Clerk Maria Carrington
Attorney Eileen Fahey

ABSENT: Administrator Michael Theokas

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Acting Township Clerk Carrington read the following Open Public Meeting Announcement:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner:

On January 7, 2019, advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board opposite the main entrance to the meeting room in the Municipal Building; was emailed to the BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES and THE TIMES; was filed with the Clerk of Bordentown Township; and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice.

The proceedings of this meeting, which are open to the public, are being electronically recorded and will act as the minutes of the meeting in conjunction with the abbreviated form of the minutes. Requisite minutes are kept for all meetings, whether open or closed to the public.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that it does hereby recess this Regular Meeting to meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing:

- Affordable Housing: Housing Element & Fair Share Plan
- Contract Negotiations: Bonnie Lane Drainage Project
Culvert Engineering
- Personnel: Pension Adjustments

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Mason

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 6:32 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at approximately 7:30 pm.

Mayor Benowitz introduced Frank West, Eagle Scout from Troop 13.

Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) Presentation by Paul Forlenza, Executive Director

Mr. Forlenza gave a presentation and answered questions from the Township Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Acting Township Clerk Carrington stated Resolution #2019-210 has been completed using the information gathered by Turek Consulting regarding the awardee for the Bonnie Lane drainage project which is Gower's Inc. In addition, as a result of Closed Session, Resolutions #2019-212A and #2019-212B are being added to the Consent Agenda.

Review of correspondence:

- 1) Letter to Mayor and Committee from Assemblywoman Carol A. Murphy
Re: Resolution #2019-201 supporting a moratorium on fossil fuel project.

Acting Township Clerk Carrington stated that the letter from Assemblywoman Murphy said that she supports the moratorium on fossil fuel, as well.

- 2) PSE&G Public Hearings for Rate Changes: 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm, August 22 in Mount Holly.

Acting Township Clerk Carrington stated that these are the closest hearings to Bordentown Township. Mayor Benowitz asked that the notice be placed on the Township website.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2019-206 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.

Resolution #2019-207 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FRANC ENVIRONMENTAL INC. FOR STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE CLEANING AND REPAIR.

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Resolution #2019-208 entitled A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GENERAL CODE FOR CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN.

Resolution #2019-209 entitled A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LCC, FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES REGARDING THE CULVERT REPLACEMENT.

Resolution #2019-210 entitled RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE BONNIE LANE DRAINAGE PROJECT.

Resolution #2019-211 entitled RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE 2019-2020 TERM.

Resolution #2019-212 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2019-212A entitled RESOLUTION SETTING SALARY FOR TOWNSHIP REGISTRAR.

Resolution #2019-212B entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING PURCHASING AGENT.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2019-206 through #2019-212B. Acting Township Clerk Carrington and Attorney Fahey gave a short explanation of Resolution #2019-208.

At this time, Committeeman Mason made a motion to open to the public the Consent Agenda items; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Seeing no comment, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to close to the public; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

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NAY: None

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2019-13 entitled AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 5.44 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE AND ORDINANCE #2013-17 REGARDING PEDDLING AND SOLICITING.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2019-13; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

MAYOR BENOWITZ: The public hearing will be August 12th.

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2019-14 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING CHAPTER 95 SECTION 905, ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT FEES".

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2019-14; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

MAYOR BENOWITZ: The public hearing will be August 12th.

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2019-15 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AMENDING THE GENERAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN BY REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 1100 OF CHAPTER 25 TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS (UHAC) REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2019-15; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

MAYOR BENOWITZ: The public hearing will be August 12th.

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Mayor Benowitz gave the Administrator's report.

An Internal Safety Committee meeting was held on July 18, 2019 with a representative from the JIF Management Team present.

A Letter of Commendation for Police Chief Pesce and P.W. Director Buhner was written by the Administrator for their actions during the weather event on July 22, 2019, and will be placed in their personnel files.

The Dunns Mills paving project has been completed as of July 26, 2019.

A review of some of our storm water ordinances is being done to remain in compliance with the new state regulations. The ordinance revision should be ready to be introduced at the August 12, 2019 meeting.

There is one scheduled Township Committee Meeting in August: August 12, 2019.

CFO ELSASSER: CFO Elsasser stated that Bordentown Township received its tax rate today, and the on-line taxes will be updated tonight. The bills will be mailed out during the next 2 weeks, and the due date is extended to September 13, 2019. This information will be posted to the website. Mayor Benowitz asked that an announcement be placed in the Senior Center. Deputy Mayor Fuzy will forward a copy to Suasion for social media.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, and Mayor Benowitz each gave their report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to open the meeting for public participation; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Seeing no comments, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

ADDITIONAL MATTERS: None

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At this time, Committeeman Holliday made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that it does hereby adjourn the regular meeting; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

The Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA CARRINGTON, ACTING TOWNSHIP CLERK