

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 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
Administrator Michael Theokas
Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Elsasser
Acting Township Clerk Maria Carrington
Attorney Eileen Fahey

ABSENT: None

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence. Mayor Benowitz dedicated the moment of silence to the victims from Hurricane Barry.

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, Committeeman Holliday 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:

- Contract Negotiations: Shared Service
- Personnel: Community Development Office

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 Kostoplis.

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

NAY: None

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 7:03 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at approximately 7:30 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Acting Township Clerk Carrington stated Resolution #2019-205 was added to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2019-193 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.

Resolution #2019-194 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2019-195 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

Resolution #2019-196 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT SIGNS WITH SPEED RADAR FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2019-197 entitled REFUND OF ESCROW BALANCES FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS.

Resolution #2019-198 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC HELMETS AND ACTIVE SHOOTER VEST KITS FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2019-199 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A PER DIEM EMT.

Resolution #2019-200 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR VOADV PROPERTY, INC. FOR BLOCK 140, LOT 3.02.

Resolution #2019-201 entitled RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A MORATORIUM ON FOSSIL FUEL PROJECTS IN NEW JERSEY.

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Resolution #2019-202 entitled RESOLUTION GRANTING A TEMPORARY WAIVER FROM THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR LIMITED CONSTRUCTION WORK BY THE MATRIX DEVELOPMENT GROUP.

Resolution #2019-203 entitled A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) MUNICIPAL AID GRANT FOR GROVEVILLE ROAD.

Resolution #2019-204 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWELVE (12) COMPUTERS FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2019-205 entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2019-193 through #2019-205. Administrator Theokas gave an explanation for Resolutions #2019-203 and #2019-204. No were no other questions/comments on the Consent Agenda.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy 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

SID MORGINSTIN, 849 East Drive: In regard to Resolution #2019-203, Mr. Morginstin asked if this included the paving of Groveville Road. Administrator Theokas responded, yes and pedestrian improvements.

In regard to Resolution #2019-200, Mr. Morginstin asked which property the performance guarantee is for. Administrator Theokas responded, the VOA Building property which is located on Burlington Road.

Seeing no further 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

Ordinance #2019-12 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROLLOUT CARTS FOR WASTE COLLECTION AND APPROPRIATING \$260,000 FOR SAID PURPOSE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$247,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2019-12; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

SID MORGINSTIN, 849 East Drive: Mr. Morginstin asked where the rollout carts will be used. Mayor Benowitz responded that each individual homeowner would be given a cart. Administrator Theokas added that the Township will be going out for bid for garbage services this year. The Township is considering going to the one-arm bandits, similar to recycling. In the event this is something the Township Committee considers, this money will be appropriated to give each resident at least one large tote to be used for garbage pick-up.

Seeing no further public comment, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2019-12; 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 Ordinance #2019-12; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

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

NAY: None

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Theokas gave an explanation of some of the resolutions that were adopted. Repaving of Dunns Mill Road will begin on July 22/23, and be completed by the end of the week.

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The bid has been awarded for the bike path that will connect Borden's Crossing to the back of the High School. A pre-construction meeting is next week, and construction will start shortly after.

The solicitation ordinance is still being worked on, and should be up for introduction at the next meeting.

The garbage bids are out and are due back September 12, 2019.

The next Township Committee meeting is July 29, 2019.

COMMITTEEMAN HOLLIDAY: Committeeman Holliday and Administrator Theokas discussed the new digital speed limit signs on Route 528 and Dunns Mill Road.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

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

NAY: None

SID MORGINSTIN, 849 East Drive: Mr. Morginstin asked about the status of the paving on East Drive; i.e. the ponding, the dips, etc. Administrator Theokas said the contractor has not finished the open items, but he hopes they will be completed soon.

He stated that Boehm Opera will be playing at Music in the Park.

Mr. Morginstin said his realtor suggested he purchase the strip of land that the Township owns between his property and the drainage ditch. He asked how he could do this. Administrator Theokas responded this is a large strip of Township right-of-way, and the Township would have to do it for all the residents and it would require a great amount of legal work. Attorney Fahey added that engineering would be needed to provide legal descriptions to divide it, and there would be costs with preparing the deed and recording it.

DIANE HEINZ, 3 Hattaras Court: Ms. Heinz said the Military Concert Band was fantastic.

She also commented on a Williamsburg resident that has ponding in front of her home. The resident has been told that she is responsible for the remediation.

Ms. Heinz said she was very impressed with the response to the water main break in Williamsburg Village.

VIRGINIA PLANK, 17 Plymouth Court: In regard to the Williamsburg resident that had ponding in front of her home, Ms. Plank said she read the master deed which says the homeowner's association is responsible for the pipe or anything bringing water into the homeowners unit. Ms. Plank informed management today and it will be handled tomorrow morning.

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Seeing no further 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

At this time, Committeeman Mason 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 Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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 8:12 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 29, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA CARRINGTON, ACTING TOWNSHIP CLERK