

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 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 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, 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:

- Contractual Relationship/Attorney-Client Privilege: Municipal Complex
Terry Field Enhancement
- Litigation: Affordable Housing

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 Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

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NAY: None

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 7:02 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at approximately 7:32 pm.

Mayor's Proclamation recognizing the coach and players of the Bordentown Little League 12U District Champions. At this time, Mayor Benowitz read the Proclamation into the record and the team was acknowledged by the Township Committee.

Mayor's Proclamation recognizing (Doc) Richard J. Carson as an outstanding citizen and exemplary role model. At this time, Mayor Benowitz read the Proclamation into the record. It will be presented on November 9, 2019 at the Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Township Committee Discussion of CY2019/SFY 2020 Best Practices Inventory

Administrator Theokas stated that the Township scored very well this year, and the Township qualifies for the full amount State aid. There were more questions than in year's past. CFO Elsasser said that the Township scored 93.5% this year. As part of the State's compliance, this must be listed as a Township Committee discussion on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Acting Township Clerk Carrington stated that there was no correspondence and no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2019-272 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.

Resolution #2019-273 entitled A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES FOR PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN.

Resolution #2019-274 entitled RESOLUTION TO HIRE PER DIEM EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (EMTS).

Resolution #2019-275 entitled A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LCC, FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL REPAIR AT 262 CROSSWICKS ROAD.

Resolution #2019-276 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN THROUGH THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT

OFFICE 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT.

Resolution #2019-277 entitled RESOLUTION AMENDING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION #2018-085-18, ESTABLISHING A VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Resolution #2019-278 entitled APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Resolution #2019-279 entitled RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN NET RETURNED SURPLUS FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.

Resolution #2019-280 entitled RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR TERRY FIELD ENHANCEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT – PHASE I.

Resolution #2019-281 entitled AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Resolution #2019-282 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO MARBRO, INC. FOR THE ORCHARD/GLEN STORMWATER CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Resolution #2019-283 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2019-272 through #2019-283. There were no comments from the Township Committee.

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 Committeeman Mason; seconded by.

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 Committeeman Kostoplis.

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

NAY: None

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Theokas stated that the Luyber field project is nearly complete. They are planting approximately 1900 new trees, and it is funded through the Township's tree replenishment program. This project was funded entirely by the Old York Road Business Park industrial site project.

In regard to Resolution #2019-282, the culvert project in The Glen is complete. Payments will be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.

The bike path behind the high school connecting Borden's Crossing to the path is complete; some additional signage will be erected.

CFO Elsasser stated that on Thursday, October 24, 2019 the tax sale for 2018 delinquent taxes and utilities was conducted; 19 accounts went to sale. One property did not sell. With receipts for delinquent taxes, collection rate is now 98.9%. This year a lot of residents showed up to research potential investment opportunities. Delinquency rates were very high this year.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Mason, 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

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 8:03 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA CARRINGTON, ACTING TOWNSHIP CLERK