

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 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 James Kostoplis
Committeeman Ken Mason
Administrator Michael Theokas
Township Clerk Maria Carrington
Attorney Eileen Fahey

ABSENT: Committeeman Eric Holliday
Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Elsasser

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

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:

- Attorney/Client Privilege: Boards and Commissions
Municipal Complex
- Litigation: Affordable Housing
Environmental

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.

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

NAY: None

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ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 6:35 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at approximately 7:30 pm.

Mayor's Proclamation recognizing Michelle Augustino for 30 years of service. Mayor Benowitz read the Proclamation into the record, and the Township Committee presented it to Ms. Augustino.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Carrington stated that Resolutions #2019-296 & #2019-297 were revised to clarify numbers for the escrow release, and copies were provided to the Township Committee. As a result of Closed Session, Resolution #2019-299 is being added to the Consent Agenda.

A letter dated November 12, 2019 was received from the N.J. Economic Development Authority regarding the approval of an application on hazardous discharge site remediation funds for the Waterfront property. Administrator Theokas gave a brief explanation of the letter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2019-284 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.

Resolution #2019-285 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE #0304-44-007-006.

Resolution #2019-286 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0304-36-019-001.

Resolution #2019-287 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SKID STEER BOOM MOWER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2019-288 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) XO2150 SCREENING BUCKET AND MODULE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2019-289 entitled AMENDING RESOLUTION #2019-99 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF THREE (3) FORD POLICE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT OPTIONS FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2019-290 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PER DIEM EMT.

Resolution #2019-291 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LCC, FOR INDOOR AIR MONITORING FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 262 CROSSWICKS ROAD.

Resolution #2019-292 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO MARBRO, INC. FOR THE ORCHARD/GLEN STORMWATER CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Resolutions #2019-293 entitled RESOLUTION CALLING FOR STUDY COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT.

Resolution #2019-294 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS.

Resolution #2019-295 entitled AMENDING RESOLUTION #2016-109-18 ENTITLED ESTABLISHING LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN.

Resolution #2019-296 entitled REFUND OF ESCROW BALANCES FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION .

Resolution #2019-297 entitled AUTHORIZE ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTY.

Resolution #2019-298 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2019-299 entitled RESOLUTION AWARDDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO IEI GROUP, LTD/IEI ARCHITECTS INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2019-284 through #2019-299. There were no comments from the Township Committee.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to open to the public the Consent Agenda items; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday

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

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

NAY: None

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ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Theokas stated that on November 11, 2019, he attended the Water Sub-committee to discuss the City's Water Department review of their ongoing testing, communications with the N.J. DEP, and their plans with continued compliance.

In regard to Resolution #2019-294, there are a small amount of transfers, and this means that we had a very accurate and strong budget year thus far. Credit goes to CFO Elsasser and the Department Heads for staying within their budgets.

Town Hall will be closed on November 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony is on December 5, 2019.

Administrator Theokas said he had a meeting with our public relations company this week. Our monthly e-newsletter, The Banner, was started in January of this year. There are approximately 1,100 people who receive it. We have approximately 500 followers on Twitter and 2,700 people follow our Facebook page. We also plan on increasing the amount of notices to the public as the Municipal Clerk gets more involved.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committeeman Kostoplis, 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 Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday

KERI BENTON, 861 East Drive: Ms. Benton thanked everyone for all the hard work they put in every day. She explained how the resurfacing of East drive made the drainage go into her property, and said there are some very large puddles. The repair of the gas line is also creating a lot of the puddles. She said she

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has already spoke to the Engineer. Administrator Theokas responded that there are still several outstanding punch list items that have not been addressed by the contractor, and the project is not closed out. The Township is aware of the drainage issues and is working with the utilities to be fixed as well.

ANEKA MILLER, 98 Meadow Run Road: Ms. Miller asked if there was a way to find out the number of accidents at the Dunns Mill Road and Route 130 intersection. She also asked if there was anything the public could do to support the Township with N.J. DOT in getting a left signal installed. Mayor Benowitz said that we have tried pursuing the N.J. DOT about concerns with this and other intersections in the Township. Administrator Theokas said he would try getting her the statistics. He suggested a coalition of residents along with Township representatives present these concerns to the N.J. DOT.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday

ADDITIONAL MATTERS: None

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 adjourn the regular meeting; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday

The Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 8:08 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA CARRINGTON, TOWNSHIP CLERK