

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 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
Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Elsasser
Township Clerk Maria Carrington
Attorney Eileen Fahey

ABSENT: Committeeman Eric Holliday

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 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:

- Litigation: Affordable Housing
- Contract Negotiations/Attorney-Client Privilege: UCC Shared Services

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 7:03 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at approximately 7:30 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Carrington stated there were no changes to the Consent Agenda and no correspondence.

Resolution #2019-300 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MARIA CARRINGTON AS MUNICIPAL CLERK.

At this time, Committeeman Kostoplis made a motion to adopt Resolution #2019-300; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2019-301 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

Resolution # 2019-302 entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEGHAN SHADOW AS FULL-TIME ACCOUNT CLERK/CASHIER.

Resolution #2019-303 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AMY SCHILLER AS A FULL-TIME EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT).

Resolution #2019-304 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO TERMINATE PER DIEM EMTs.

Resolution #2019-305 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0304-33-012-002.

Resolution #2019-306 entitled RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #2019-286 AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0304-36-019-001.

Resolution #2019-307 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO GOWERS, INC. FOR THE TERRY FIELD ENHANCEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT – PHASE I.

Resolution #2019-308 entitled RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER.

Resolution #2019-309 entitled AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATE OF SALE.

Resolution #2019-310 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES RESOLUTION.

Resolution #2019-311 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON TO PERFORM CERTAIN WORK AND REPAIRS.

Resolution #2019-312 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES FOR RABIES CLINIC.

Resolution #2019-313 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2019-301 through #2019-313. 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 Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday

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

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NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday

New Business/Additional Matters or correspondence to be reviewed, discussed or acted upon

Naming of Township Parks – Mayor Benowitz stated that the Parks’ names needed to be clarified and new parks need to be named through resolutions. 1) There is a new park at the end of Independence Drive at the (former) Luyber property which is a reforestation. It may be called Independence Park. 2) There is Terry Field, which is actually Constitution Park. 3) Joseph Lawrence Park and Veterans Park off of Ward Avenue and Hogback Road.

Administrator Theokas said there are inconsistencies with how people refer to the parks, and clarification needs to be made so that proper signage can be made. He recommended that some work has to be done, possibly by a sub-committee, on how the parks were originally named/referred to. Administrator Theokas will put a list together for Committeeman Mason who is the liaison to Parks and Recreation to review. This matter will be addressed at the beginning of next year.

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Theokas stated that RFP’s for 2020 (Requests for Proposals) have been received. If any Committee member needs additional information, please contact Township Clerk Carrington.

The Reorganization Agenda is being finalized.

The next meeting is December 23, 2019. The Reorganization meeting is Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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Seeing no comment, 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

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 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 7:53 p.m. The next Township Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 23, 2019 and the 2020 Reorganization Meeting will be held Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA CARRINGTON, TOWNSHIP CLERK