

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

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 Eric Holliday
Committeeman Eugene Fuzy
Committeeman James Kostoplis
Committeeman Ken Mason (arrived at 6:32 pm)
Administrator Michael Theokas
Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Elsasser
Township Clerk Maria Carrington
Attorney Eileen Fahey

ABSENT: None

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken by Township Clerk Carrington.

Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Kostopolis, to move Resolution #2020-2-24 for the Township Committee to meet in closed executive session for the purpose of discussing:

- Attorney/Client Privilege: Municipal Complex
- Personnel: Finance Office

Voice Vote: All Aye.

The closed executive session ended at 7:14 pm and Committeeman Fuzy made a motion to recess the meeting; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

The meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Benowitz led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Township Clerk Carrington read the following Open Public Meeting Announcement:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provision of the Open Public Meeting Act. On January 8, 2020, a notice of the 2020 meetings was sent to the *Burlington County Times* and *The Times* and was subsequently published by the *Burlington County Times* on January 10, 2020. The notice was posted on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as required under the statute. In addition, a copy of the notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

Proper notice having been given, the Township Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of the meeting. 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.

In case of an emergency, please note where the fire exits are, the rear of the room and the side behind me. During a fire do not use the elevator. Assistance will be provided.

Correspondence

- a. February 13, 2020 Letter to NJ DOT from State Senator Troy Singleton regarding four traffic related issues in Bordentown Township.

Mayor Benowitz read the letter into the record. This letter was a result of a recent meeting with the Senator to discuss the Township's concerns.

Administrative Review

Township Clerk Carrington stated comments were received from Committeeman Fuzy regarding the minutes of February 10, 2020. She recommended the minutes be adopted with these changes. Also, Resolution #2020-68 is being corrected to change the amount of the final settlement for Ms. Muldrow based on the inclusion of the waiver of healthcare.

Consent Agenda

Resolution #2020-59 entitled APPROVING ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS

Resolution #2020-60 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0304-36-019-001

Resolution #2020-61 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

Resolution #2020-62 entitled RESOLUTION INCREASING THE BID THRESHOLD FOR CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC BIDDING UNDER THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW TO \$40,000

Resolution #2020-63 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO GOWER'S INC. FOR THE TERRY FIELD ENHANCEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT – PHASE I

Resolution #2020-64 entitled RELEASE OF TWO YEAR MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR SAAJ URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL, BLOCK 63, LOT(S) 1, 2, & 39 AND BLOCK 64 LOT 3

Resolution #2020-65 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LCC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ADA CURB RAMPS AND SIDEWALKS ON WILLIAMSBURG DRIVE AND HOLLOWAY LANE (FY2019 CDBG)

Resolution #2020-66 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LCC FOR VAPOR INTRUSION MITIGATION SYSTEM INSPECTION FOR 262 CROSSWICKS ROAD

Resolution #2020-67 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WITH THE TOWNSHIPS OF CHESTERFIELD AND MANSFIELD

Resolution #2020-68 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO AUTHORIZE FINAL COMPENSATION TO DONNA MULDROW UPON RETIREMENT

Resolution #2020-69 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT KITTINA WALLRATH AS TREASURER IN THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Resolution #2020-70 entitled APPROVING ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2020-59 through #2020-70. There were no comments from the Township Committee.

Committeeman Fuzy made a motion to open to the public the Consent Agenda items; seconded by Deputy Mayor Holliday. Voice Vote: All Aye.

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

Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis. Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Committeeman Fuzy with amendments to minutes of February 10, 2020; Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Holliday, Mayor Benowitz
NAY: None

Ordinance #2020-04 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AMENDING SECTION 15.04.020 OF THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH PERMIT AND FEE SCHEDULE.

Public Hearing: Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2020-04; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Voice Vote: All Aye.

Seeing no public comment, Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2020-04; seconded by Committeeman Mason. Voice Vote: All Aye.

Adoption: Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2020-04; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Roll Call Vote.

AYE: Committeeman Fuzy, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Holliday, Mayor Benowitz
NAY: None

Introduction of Ordinance #2020-05 entitled CALENDAR YEAR 2020 “CAP” ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).

Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2020-05; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy.

AYE: Committeeman Fuzy, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Holliday, Mayor Benowitz
NAY: None

Old Business: Update on New 2020 Trash Pick-Up System

Administrator Theokas said the first week went very well overall, and there was a large percentage of compliance among the residents. He thanked the Township Staff, and said there were less than 35 extra cans sold as of today. Administrator Theokas said he is looking into a compactor for our Public Works Recycling facility where residents can bring grass clippings, and the company will take it to the landfill.

New Business: None

Administrator's Report

Administrator Theokas reported that the Scoping Hearing is scheduled for March 2, 2020 at 6:00 pm. It is a NJ D.E.P. mandatory meeting for the diversion of the Open Space Property. There will be a transcript done of the meeting and all written comments from the public will be accepted.

Township Committee Liaison Reports

Committeeman Fuzy, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Holliday, and Mayor Benowitz gave their reports.

Public Participation

Committeeman Fuzy made a motion to open the meeting for public participation; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis. Voice Vote: All Aye.

ROGER SCHNEIDER, 93 Charles Bossert Drive: Mr. Schneider thanked the Township representatives for listening to the concerns on the trash and making the fee one-time only for an extra can. Mr. Schneider also asked about the vacant homes on Crosswicks Road and Thorntown Lane. Administrator Theokas responded that these homes will be torn down and the Township is working with Habitat for Humanity on building homes on these lots. Mr. Schneider asked if there was a buyer for the Municipal property. Administrator Theokas responded that the Township is putting together a Redevelopment Plan for this property to see what could go here, but the property has not been marketed yet. Mr. Schneider expressed concern about the weight restriction on Route 545/Georgetown Road. He said the trucks will be diverted to Route 528. Administrator Theokas responded that the trucks are getting on and off Route 295 and the Turnpike; they are not typically coming from the north to Route 528.

Seeing no further comment, Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded Committeeman Fuzy. Voice Vote: All Aye.

There being no further comments from the Township Committee, Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at approximately 8:04 p.m.; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis. Voice Vote: All Aye.

The next Township Committee Meeting will be held on March 9, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA CARRINGTON, TOWNSHIP CLERK