

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 23, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was held virtually using GoToWebinar due to the State of New Jersey's Shelter in Place order due to pandemic conditions. Due to technical challenges, not all votes were memorialized in the electronic recording; however, all motions and votes were confirmed through interaction with the Township Administrator.

PRESENT: Mayor Stephen Benowitz
Deputy Mayor Eric Holliday
Committeeman Eugene Fuzy
Committeeman James Kostoplis
Committeeman Ken Mason
Administrator Michael Theokas
Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Elsasser
Clerk Maria Carrington
Attorney Eileen Fahey

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken by Township Clerk Carrington.

Mayor Benowitz led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence dedicated to those infected and succumbing to COVID-19.

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.

Correspondence: None

Administrative Review

Deputy Township Clerk Carrington stated there was nothing to add to the Agenda.

Consent Agenda

Resolution #2020-86 entitled APPROVING ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS

Resolution #2020-87 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LLC FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE JOSEPH LAWRENCE PARK RECREATION EXPANSION PROJECT

Resolution #2020-88 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AND MARK TURGYN

Resolution #2020-89 entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

Resolution #2020-90 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LLC FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING ABANDONMENT AND INSTALLATION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 262 CROSSWICKS ROAD

Resolution #2020-91 entitled APPROVING ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2020-86 through #2020-91. There were no comments from the Township Committee.

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

There being no public comment, Committeeman Mason made a motion to close to the public; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis. Voice Vote: All Aye.

Committeeman Mason made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Roll Call Vote:

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

Ordinance #2020-06 entitled ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING CHAPTER 8.31 REGARDING COMMERCIAL TENANCY CHANGE

Committeeman Mason made a motion to table Ordinance #2020-06: seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis. Roll Call Vote:

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

Ordinance #2020-07 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AMENDING THE AGWAY (GROWMARK)/YATES REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Committeeman Mason made a motion to table Ordinance #2020-07: seconded by Deputy Mayor Holliday. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None

Ordinance #2020-08 entitled ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 183 CROSSWICKS ROAD AND KNOWN AS BLOCK 66, LOT 12.02 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5

Public Hearing: Committeeman Mason made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2020-08; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis. Voice Vote: All Aye.

Seeing no public comment, Committeeman Mason made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2020-08; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis. Voice Vote: All Aye.

Adoption: Committeeman Mason made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2020-08; seconded by Deputy Mayor Holliday. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None

Ordinance #2020-09 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE AND CREATING A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT OPTION FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS AND PUBLICLY FUNDED PROJECTS

Committeeman Mason made a motion to table Ordinance #2020-09: seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None

Public hearings on Ordinances 2020-06, 2020-07 and 2020-09 will be held on April 13, 2020.

New Business: None

Administrator's Report

Administrator Theokas reiterated the Township's COVID-19 statement that was released today. The State of New Jersey has a website with updates at www.covid19.nj.gov and the State's hotline phone number is 1-800-222-1222. When a Township resident is found to be positive for COVID-19, the County Health Department performs contact information to limit the spread. The Township is not given notice of the names or location of those positive virus cases. Currently three Township residents have tested positive. Town Hall is closed to the public; however, members of the staff are still coming into the office and all emails and phone calls are being returned. He urged the public to stay safe and observe social distancing guidelines.

Township Committee Liaison Reports

No Township Committee Liaison reports were given. They will be saved for a future meeting.

Public Participation

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

Seeing no public comment, Administrator Theokas stated that the public is always welcome to call or email the Township with any concerns and they will be addressed. Committeeman Fuzy made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded Committeeman Mason. Voice Vote: All Aye.

Final Comments from Township Committee

Mayor Benowitz read the latest Township statement regarding COVID-19 into the record. Statements can be found on the Township website, www.BordentownTownship.com.

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 April 13, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA CARRINGTON, TOWNSHIP CLERK