

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 22, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was held virtually using Zoom due to public health concerns.

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 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call was taken by Township Clerk Carrington.

Resolution 2020-6-22 entitled RESOLUTION TO MEET IN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION moved by Committeeman Fuzy and seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis. Voice Vote: All Aye.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that it does hereby exclude the public to meet in Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

- Personnel
- Attorney/Client Privilege: Waterfront Development

No formal action will be taken during the closed session. The minutes of the closed session may be disclosed to the public when it is determined that the above matters no longer require confidentiality.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:31 p.m. through a motion made by Deputy Mayor Holliday, seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Voice Vote: All Aye.

The Mayor led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence dedicated to those that have succumbed to COVID-19 and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Township Clerk Carrington read the following Open Public Meeting Announcement:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions 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 although virtual are open to the public and 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.

Mayor Benowitz read the proclamation honoring Paul J. Hanuschik as an outstanding citizen, family man, farmer, tradesman and role model whose achievements and significant contributions to our Township is commendable. The proclamation will be presented to the family and another copy will be displayed at the Municipal Building.

Correspondence: None.

Administrative Review

Clerk Carrington stated that following the discussion held in the closed session, Resolution #2020-143 entitled “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR SAM VAIL, PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING MAINTENANCE/MAINTENANCE REPAIRER” was being added to the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

Resolution #2020-129 entitled APPROVING ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS

Resolution #2020-130 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

Resolution #2020-131 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) FY 2021 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT FOR GROVEVILLE ROAD

Resolution #2020-132 entitled RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS ON THE BOOKS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN

Resolution #2020-133 entitled RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – MUNICIPAL COURT ALCOHOL EDUCATION, REHABILITATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND

Resolution #2020-134 entitled RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #2020-127 AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR

Resolution #2020-135 entitled RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL ZUZOV AS A PER DIEM ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Resolution #2020-136 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PER DIEM EMT

Resolution #2020-137 entitled RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – CLEAN COMMUNITIES

Resolution #2020-138 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO APPOINT MARCIE B. MAUTE AS ZONING OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN

Resolution #2020-139 entitled AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS

Resolution #2020-140 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LCC, FOR ADDITIONAL GROUNDWATER DELINEATION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 262 CROSSWICKS ROAD

Resolution #2020-141 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE FOUR (4) FUJI CODE 3 XT MAX BIKES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resolution #2020-142 entitled APPROVING ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolutions #2020-143 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR SAM VAIL, PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING MAINTENANCE/MAINTENANCE REPAIRER

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2020-129 through #2020-143: There were no comments from the Township Committee.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Holliday 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

Ordinances

Ordinance #2020-07 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AMENDING THE AGWAY (GROWMARK)/YATES REDEVELOPMENT PLAN was tabled from the April 13, 2020 Township Committee Meeting. Committeeman Fuzy made a motion to Take Ordinance #2020-07 From the Table; seconded by Committeeman Mason. Voice Vote: All Aye.

Administrator Theokas stated that Ordinance #2020-07 needs to be reviewed by the Planning Board before adoption can be considered by the Township Committee. The ordinance will be addressed by the Planning Board at its July 9, 2020 meeting. As such, a Motion to Table Ordinance #2020-07 until the July 13, 2020 Township Committee meeting was made by Committeeman Fuzy and seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis. Voice Vote: All Aye.

New Business

Administrator Theokas stated that he and Police Chief Pesce have been meeting with the individuals planning to hold a rally and march from the high school to JLP Pavilion on June 26, 2020. Discussions have involved assuring that all necessary safety measures are being taken and that the route is safe. The Bordentown Township Municipal Code requires licensing for Public Gatherings. As the organizers are not a formal group, it is recommended that the Committee waive licensing fees and other provisions as

outlined in **Resolution #2020-144 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF LICENSE FOR JUNE 26, 2020 PUBLIC GATHERING**. Mr. Theokas stated that most Burlington County municipalities have also waived fees for similar demonstrations.

Committeeman Fuzy made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-144; seconded by Committeeman Mason. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None

Administrator's Report

Since the last meeting, there have only been three additional confirmed cases of COVID-19. Administrator Theokas thanked the public for continuing to socially distance. Cooper Health recently donated 750 masks to the Township. They will be offered to senior groups and made available to the public. Requests for masks are welcomed.

The Township is considering opening the building to the public on July 6. Public health guidance is being followed as we prepare signage and procedures. Municipal Court is still at least a month away from opening. The Township has received 5 applications for outdoor dining. Three have been approved: Chickie's and Pete's, Villa Mannino and Town & Country. Two are still pending. Little League was able to hold its first practice today as permitted. The Senior Center was opened today for the first time since March for a Red Cross Blood Drive. The drive was very successful thanks to the hard work of Angel Sauro and Sam Vail. Thanks are also due to Serv Pro which works with the Red Cross and cleaned the Senior Center before and after the Blood Drive.

The Township has achieved both Tier 1 and Tier 2 cyber security status which lowers our insurance deductible in case there is a breach. Thanks to Clerk Carrington for her efforts in reaching this milestone.

The DOT grant for Groveville Road will be submitted to the State after the passage of tonight's resolution.

We have received several calls from the public regarding the reforestation of a portion of Luyber Field. Although the area may not look its best right now, it will look much better as the trees mature. The reforestation was done for environmental reason and to replace trees that were taken down throughout the Township. The walking paths will be kept as clear as possible. Similarly, we have heard public comment regarding the berm along Matrix Warehouse. The berm was designed to be natural, not mowed, for environmental reasons. The berm, besides being good for the environment, was designed to shield the warehouse from view.

Township Committee Liaison Reports

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

Public Participation

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

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

There being no final comments from the Township Committee, Committeeman Kostoplis made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at approximately 8:07 p.m.; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Voice Vote: All Aye.

The next Township Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA CARRINGTON, TOWNSHIP CLERK