

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 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
Administrator Michael Theokas
Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Elsasser
Township Clerk Maria Carrington
Attorney Eileen Fahey

ABSENT: Committeeman Ken Mason

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence recognizing the United States Armed Forces stationed around the world but especially those in Iraq.

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 6, 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.

Resolution #2020-29 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING PROMOTION OF NATHAN ROOHR TO THE POSITION OF LIEUTENANT IN THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-2; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Roll Call Vote.

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

NAY: None

Resolution #2020-30 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING PROMOTION OF FRANK NUCERA III TO THE POSITION OF LIEUTENANT IN THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-30; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Roll Call Vote.

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

NAY: None

Mayor Benowitz stated that these promotions were made in accordance with Civil Service regulations and with the recommendations of Chief of Police Brian Pesce and the Township Administrator. Lieutenants Roohr and Nucera finished with the highest scores on the Civil Service exam for Lieutenants and have proven to be outstanding Police Officers worthy of this promotion.

Township Clerk Carrington administered the Oaths of Office to Lieutenants Roohr and Nucera.

Police Chief Brian Pesce congratulated the new lieutenants and thanked the Township Committee for their support of the police department

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2020-31 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Resolution #2020-32 entitled GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FY2021 (FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2020-JUNE 2021)

Resolution #2020-33 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO TERMINATE PER DIEM EMT

Resolution #2020-34 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

Resolution #2020-35 entitled RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 2020 CENSUS

Resolution #2020-36 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2020-31 through #2019-36: There were no comments from the Township Committee.

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

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

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

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

NAY: None

ORDINANCES

Introduction of Ordinance #2020-01 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AND GRANTING TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN THE POWERS FORMERLY HELD BY THE BORDENTOWN ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2020-01; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None

Public Hearing will be on January 27, 2020.

Introduction of Ordinance #2020-02 entitled ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE TO ELIMINATE CHAPTER 2.106 ENTITLED “PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE”

Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2020-01; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Roll Call Vote:

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

NAY: None

Public Hearing will be on January 27, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Theokas reported that at January 11th Rabies Clinic, 150 animals were vaccinated, whereas in 2019, 99 animals were vaccinated. He thanked all the employees who worked at the clinic. Administrator Theokas announced that the new Construction TACO began work today; Meghan Shaddow is a Township resident and it is hoped she will be a great asset to the department. Budget preparation has begun. The

architect is actively working on the preliminary designs for the new municipal complex. The municipal offices will be closed on January 20, 2020 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

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

There being no further comments from the Township Committee, Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Voice Vote: All Aye.

The Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 8:01 p.m. The next Township Committee Meeting will be held on January 27, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA CARRINGTON, TOWNSHIP CLERK