

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2020

This Special 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
Administrator Michael Theokas
Clerk Maria Carrington
Attorney Eileen Fahey

ABSENT: Committeeman James Kostoplis
Committeeman Ken Mason

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call was taken by Township Clerk Carrington.

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 August 11, 2020, a notice of this meeting was posted to the Township website and on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building's lobby. On August 14, 2020, a notice of this special meeting was sent to the *Burlington County Times* and *The Times*. Furthermore, a copy of the notice is 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.

Resolution #2020-198 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENDORSING AND SEEKING COURT APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-198; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Committeeman Fuzy, Deputy Mayor Holliday, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Public Participation

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Deputy Mayor Holliday; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Voice Vote: Aye of all present.

JILL POPKO, 3 Henry Marshall Drive, asked for information about the improvement plans for Northern Community Park (NCP). Administrator Theokas responded that the plans include improving the ball field, expanding the walkway and moving the dog park to create room for a future playing field. Ms. Popko stated that she strongly opposes the plans for NCP. She states that the Township already has ball fields and that the current condition of the park needs to be addressed. She stated that there are cracks in the tennis courts, deteriorating conditions on the basketball court and that the playground needs more mulch. According to Ms. Popko, the walking path is cracked with divots which are dangerous for walkers and the lights are not working. In addition, trashcans blow over in storms causing trash to be spread across the park. Administrator Theokas stated that her concerns would be taken under advisement.

Administrator Theokas thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Holliday; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Voice Vote: Aye of all present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA CARRINGTON, TOWNSHIP CLERK