

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 26, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was held virtually using Zoom due to the State of New Jersey's Shelter in Place order due to pandemic conditions.

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 7:33 p.m.

Roll Call was taken by Township Clerk Carrington.

The Mayor led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence dedicated to the fallen heroes who made the greatest sacrifices on behalf of our county and should be celebrated each Memorial Day and every day.

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.

Correspondence: None.

Administrative Review

Clerk Carrington stated that there are no changes to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Resolution #2020-117 entitled APPROVING ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS

Resolution #2020-118 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO MEMORIALIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF LAURA TURNER AS A PER DIEM EMT WITH THE EMS DEPARTMENT

Resolution #2020-119 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN EMS DEPARTMENT

Resolution #2020-120 entitled RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED TRI-COUNTY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT

Resolution #2020-121 entitled APPROVING ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2020-117 through #2020-121. 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.

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 Kostoplis. 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 REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS AND PUBLICLY FUNDED PROJECTS

As this ordinance was tabled from April 13, 2020 Township Meeting, a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Holliday to take Ordinance #2020-09 from Table; seconded by Committeeman Mason. Voice Vote: All Aye.

Public Hearing: A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Holliday to open the public hearing to the public; seconded by Committeeman Mason. Voice Vote: All Aye. Hearing no public comment, a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Holliday to close the public hearing; seconded by Committeeman Mason. Voice Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Holliday to adopt Ordinance #2020-09; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis. Roll Call Vote:

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

New Business: None

Administrator's Report

Regarding COVID-19, there has only been one additional confirmed case in the Township since the last Township Committee meeting two weeks ago. The Township seem to have stabilized. The Emergency Management committee continues to meet regularly regarding current emergency calls, the purchase of PPE, and State and County coordination. On June 1, the municipal complex will be open to employees with safety guidelines from the hours of 8 AM to 5 PM, Mondays through Thursdays and from 9 AM to 12 noon on Fridays. These summer hours will be in effect until Labor Day. The building will only be open to the public by appointment. There are drop boxes in the lobby for court and tax payments as well as for other departments. The lobby is under 24-hour surveillance. The State has lifted the ban on non-essential construction permits and the Township is processing construction permits and inspecting. There are limits on inside home inspections. Public Works is open focusing on maintaining parks and collecting brush (call for appointment). All meetings will remain virtual at least through June.

An employment opportunity for Bordentown Residents as the part-time chairperson for the Office of Emergency Management has been posted and will be open until mid-June.

Clerk Carrington has been working with the County Board of Elections on the Primary election scheduled for July 7. She is finalizing polling locations; however, residents are encouraged to vote by mail. We will post information on our website and on social media when available.

The legal and editorial analysis of the Municipal Code has been completed by General Code and now Clerk Carrington is working on our response. The recodification of the Code has been needed for over 10 years and is long overdue. Progress is being made. The recodification will be beneficial to the Township and its residents.

The Township Blood Drive will be held on June 22 in the Senior Center which will be thoroughly cleaned. There is a great need for blood so we are encouraging donations.

Township Committee Liaison Reports

Committeeman Fuzy, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Holliday and Mayor Benowitz gave reports. Mayor Benowitz also expressed the importance of the recodification project.

Public Participation

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

Johnnie Whittington of East Windsor thanked the Committee for their hard work in getting Ordinance #2020-09 adopted. He is always available to help if needed.

There being no other public comment, Committeeman Kostoplis made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Deputy Mayor Holliday. 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 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Deputy Mayor Holliday. Voice Vote: All Aye.

The next Township Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2020 using the Zoom platform.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA CARRINGTON, TOWNSHIP CLERK