

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2020

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

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 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call was taken by Township Clerk Carrington.

Resolution 2020-10-13 entitled RESOLUTION TO MEET IN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION moved by Deputy Mayor Holliday 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:

- Attorney/Client Privilege: Employment Contractual Relations

No formal action was 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 approximately 7:20 p.m. through a motion made by Deputy Mayor Holliday, seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Voice Vote: All Aye.

The meeting was then recessed until 7:30 p.m.

The Mayor led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Township Clerk Carrington read the following Open Public Meeting Announcement:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act. A notice of the 2020 meetings was sent to the *Burlington County Times* and *The Times* on January 8, 2020 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 was 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 Proclamations: Mayor Benowitz read a proclamation into the record declaring October as Fire Prevention Month.

Correspondence: None

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

Consent Agenda

Resolution #2020-239 entitled APPROVING ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Resolution #2020-240 entitled RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR JOSEPH LAWRENCE PARK RECREATION EXPANSION PROJECT

Resolution #2020-241 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LCC FOR INSPECTION AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES THE JOSEPH LAWRENCE PARK RECREATION EXPANSION PROJECT

Resolution #2020-242 entitled GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FY2021 (FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2020-JUNE 2025) AMENDING STRATEGIC PLAN OCTOBER 1, 2020 THRU JUNE 30, 2021

Resolution #2020-243 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

Resolution #2020-244 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF PERMIT FEES

Resolution #2020-245 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND AND PARK SITE AMENITIES FOR TERRY FIELD

Resolution #2020-246 entitled A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES

Resolution #2020-247 entitled RELEASE OF TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPACY BOND FOR TEAM CAMPUS PHASE II

Resolution #2020-248 entitled REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR TEAM CAMPUS PHASE II

Resolution #2020-249 entitled RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR BORDENTOWN WATERFRONT COMMUNITY

Resolution #2020-250 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING AN AMENDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPENDING PLAN

Resolution #2020-251 entitled APPROVING ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2020-239 through #2020-251: There was no discussion by Committee.

Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to open the Consent Agenda items for public comment; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Voice Vote: All Aye. There was no public comment. Committeeman Fuzy made a motion to close the Consent Agenda items to public comment; seconded by Deputy Mayor Holliday. 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

Ordinances:

Introduction of **Ordinance #2020-21** entitled **AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FIVE YEAR TAX EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT OF LOCAL REAL ESTATE TAXES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 ET SEQ. TO LBA RVI-COMPANY XXXI-B, LLC, FOR THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 137.02, LOT 6.03, QUALIFIER C.003 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH LBA RVI-COMPANY XXXI-B, LLC, FOR BLOCK 137.02, LOT 6.03, QUALIFIER C.003**

Committeeman Kostoplis made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2020-21: seconded by Deputy Mayor Holiday. Roll Call Vote:

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

The Public Hearing on Ordinance #2020-21 will be held at the October 26, 2020 Regular Meeting.

New Business: None

Clerk's Election Update:

The deadline to register to vote is today. If anyone still needs to register to vote they should immediately do so on line at: vote.nj.gov. By now, all registered voters should have received a ballot in the mail. If you have not received a ballot in the mail, contact the County clerk at 609-265-5229 or email votebyemail@co.burlington.nj.us.

You may mail your ballot in using the postage paid return envelope.

Alternatively, you can deposit the completed ballot in one of Burlington County's secure ballot drop box. The closest ones to us are located at the Chesterfield Township Municipal Building or the Mansfield Township Municipal Building. Or, you can drop it off at the County Board of Elections at 50 Rancocas Road during their business hours. Or, you can hand deliver the ballot to your polling place on Election Day which is Tuesday, November 3

There are only 2 polling places in Bordentown Township this year: The Senior Community Center for voting districts 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 and the Northern Community Park Pavilion also known as the warming hut for voting districts 2, 3 and 6.

At the polling place on November 3, you can hand deliver the ballot which was mailed to you OR you can check in and be handed a provisional ballot to be completed and submitted at the polling place. There is no voting on machines this year in the State of NJ unless you are disabled and unable to use paper.

There is lots of information on our website including a video that walks you through how to use the mailed ballot. There is also list of frequently asked questions. www.bordentowntownship.com

Administrator's Report:

The League of Municipalities is holding its annual conference virtually this November. If any of the Committee has not yet let the Clerk know if they want to attend sessions, please do so tomorrow.

There is expected to be an increase in health benefit costs next year. Health care options are being investigated.

The Road Program is moving quickly with the milling and overlaying of Constitution Avenue.

An Eagle Scout is doing a project involving a new flag at Joseph Lawrence Park. He will be coming to the Township soon for approvals.

Township Committee Liaison Reports

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

Public Participation

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

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

There were no final comments from 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

MARIA CARRINGTON, TOWNSHIP CLERK