

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 25, 2014

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 James Cann  
Committeeman Richard Carson  
Committeeman John Moynihan  
Committeewoman Jill Popko  
Township Clerk Colleen Eckert  
Attorney William J. Kearns, Jr.  
Public Works Director Dean Buhner  
Chief of Police Frank M. Nucera, Jr.

ABSENT: Chief Financial Officer David Kocian

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Township Clerk Eckert read the following Open Public Meeting Announcement:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner:

On January 6, 2014, advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board opposite the main entrance to the meeting room in the Municipal Building; was FAXED to the REGISTER NEWS, BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES and THE TIMES; was filed with the Clerk of Bordentown Township; and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice.

The proceedings of this meeting, which are open to the public, are being electronically recorded. Requisite minutes are kept for all meetings, whether open or closed to the public.

At this time, Committeeman Carson made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that it does hereby recess this Regular Meeting to meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Public Works Personnel Matter; AFSCME Union Contract Matter; Fityere v. Township of Bordentown; Barbara Woolley-Dillon v. Township of Bordentown; Administration Department Personnel Matter; Ordinance for W.W. Grainger, Inc.; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 7:06 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:39 pm.

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APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1 et seq and Section 2-18 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bordentown, I, Stephen Benowitz, as Mayor, do hereby make the following appointment to the Environmental Commission:

Patricia Concannon 3 yr. unexpired term expiring 12/31/16

**Resolution #2014-237-7 entitled PROMOTING SERGEANTS MARK COSTNER AND SHAWN MOUNT TO THE POSITION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT.**

At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-237-7; seconded by Committeeman Carson.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Township Clerk Eckert administered the Oath of the Office to Mark Costner and Shawn Mount.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW**

Township Clerk Eckert announced that there is an Addendum to the Meeting Agenda adding Resolutions #2014-237-34A. And as a result of the Closed Session, Resolution #2014-237-34B is also being added.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution #2014-237-9 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.**

**Resolution #2014-237-10 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.**

**Resolution #2014-237-11 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.**

**Resolution #2014-237-12 entitled A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES.**

**Resolution #2014-237-13 entitled A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES.**

**Resolution #2014-237-14 entitled A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES.**

**Resolution #2014-237-15 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.**

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**Resolution #2014-237-16 entitled A RESOLUTION CANCELING TAXES.**

**Resolution #2014-237-17 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.**

**Resolution #2014-237-18 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.**

**Resolution #2014-237-19 entitled ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF REPORT OF AUDIT FOR THE YEAR 2013.**

**Resolution #2014-237-20 entitled APPROVING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR REPORT OF AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013.**

**Resolution #2014-237-21 entitled APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #RL:404.**

**Resolution #2014-237-22 entitled APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #RL:405.**

**Resolution #2014-237-23 entitled APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #RL:406.**

**Resolution #2014-237-24 entitled A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE NISSIM REALTY CO. AS THE REDEVELOPER FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY SUBSTANTIALLY OWNED BY NISSIM REALTY CO.**

**Resolution #2014-237-25 entitled RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.**

**Resolution #2014-237-26 entitled AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT TO THE FOUNDATION FOR BORDENTOWN TRADITIONS.**

**Resolution #2014-237-27 entitled RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87.**

**Resolution #2014-237-28 entitled RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR 130 BORDENTOWN ASSOCIATES, LLC (BOTTOM DOLLAR FOOD STORE).**

**Resolution #2014-237-29 entitled RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING HOURLY RATES FOR PART-TIME (PER DIEM) EMT'S.**

**Resolution #2014-237-30 entitled RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR THE ROCKEFELLER GROUP (CENTRAL CROSSINGS BUSINESS PARK) RETAINING WALL AT SITE OF BUILDING NO. 1, HEDDING ROAD.**

**Resolution #2014-237-31 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO AUTHORIZE FINAL COMPENSATION TO SERGEANT WAYNE LEBAK UPON RETIREMENT.**

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**Resolution #2014-237-32 entitled RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR MIM-HAYDEN CENTRAL CROSSING 4, LLC (CENTRAL CROSSING BUSINESS PARK) SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR BUILDING NO. 4, 401 HEDDING ROAD.**

**Resolution #2014-237-33 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AUTHORIZING THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO MAKE A DETERMINATION REGARDING A REDEVELOPMENT AREA.**

**Resolution #2014-237-34 entitled RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION'S RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN ANTI-IDLING POLICY.**

**Resolution #2014-237-34A entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE BURLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT 2015-2017.**

**Resolution #2014-237-34B entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT SEASONAL LABORER EMPLOYEE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

Township Committee reviewed and discussed Consent Agenda Items #2014-237-9 through #2014-237-34B. Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, and Deputy Mayor Cann commented/asked questions.

Resolution #2014-237-9. Committeewoman Popko noted that on page 7 of the bill list, Henry Seiz was already paid.

She also inquired if the PSE&G bill was for one or two months, since it was such a high amount. Police Chief Nucera responded that the first bill was for street lights and the second was for gas, electric, and a couple of parcels with street lights.

Resolution #2014-237-20. Tim Kiel of Bowman and Company gave an explanation and responded to the Township Committee's questions on the Township audit.

Resolution #2014-237-33. This is the area in front of Borden's Crossing on Route 130. Township Clerk stated that this resolution formalized a motion that was made at a prior meeting.

Resolution #2014-237-34. Committeewoman Popko asked that this resolution be posted on the Environmental Commission's web page.

At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to open to the public the consent agenda items; seconded by Deputy Mayor Cann.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

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Seeing no comments, Deputy Mayor Cann made a motion to close to the public; seconded by Committeewoman Carson.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

At this time, Deputy Mayor Cann made a motion to adopt the consent agenda with amended bill list; seconded by Committeeman Carson.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

**Public Hearing on Ordinance #2014-22 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF A PORTION OF REVENUES FROM A CERTAIN PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) BENEFIT OF THE BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

At this time, Committeeman Carson made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2014-22; seconded by Deputy Mayor Cann.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

ROBIN PRICE, 402 Harvest Way: Deputy Mayor Cann responded to Ms. Price's question as to the definition of a PILOT. She also asked how this would affect the taxpayers. Tim Kiel of Bowman and Company, Township Auditor responded how this reduces taxes.

WALT KOSUL, 539 Route 206: Mr. Kosul commented that with PILOTS, relief goes to the taxpayer. He asked why a resolution isn't created for residential PILOTS, and why it couldn't be incorporated into this ordinance. Deputy Mayor Cann said that the Township wanted to get this one done and in place. The Team Campus resolution would be more difficult to convert into an ordinance. Mr. Kosul also inquired about the financing involved in the PILOTS.

LEN deGROOT, 8 Arlington Road: Mr. deGroot commented that PILOTS have attracted ratables that are the least costly because they don't produce school children. This reduces taxes.

Seeing no further public comment, Committeeman Carson made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2014-22; seconded by Deputy Mayor Cann.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

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NAY: None

**Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance #2014-22 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF A PORTION OF REVENUES FROM A CERTAIN PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) BENEFIT OF THE BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

At this time, Committeeman Carson made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2014-22; seconded by Deputy Mayor Cann.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

**Public Hearing on Ordinance #2014-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #2014-21 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TITLES AND SALARY RANGES FOR PERMANENT AND PROVISIONAL EMPLOYEES.**

At this time, Committeeman Carson made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2014-23; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Seeing no public comment, Committeeman Carson made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2014-23; seconded by Committeewoman Popko.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

**Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance #2014-23 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #2014-21 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TITLES AND SALARY RANGES FOR PERMANENT AND PROVISIONAL EMPLOYEES.**

At this time, Committeeman Carson made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2014-23; seconded by Committeewoman Popko.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

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**Public Hearing on Ordinance #2014-24 entitled VACATING PORTION OF WOODLAND AVENUE.**

At this time, Committeeman Carson made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2014-24; seconded by Deputy Mayor Cann.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

ROBIN PRICE, 402 Harvest Way: Mrs. Price asked for the reason behind this ordinance and Deputy Mayor Cann responded.

Seeing no further public comment, Deputy Mayor Cann made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2014-24; seconded by Committeewoman Popko.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

**Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance #2014-24 entitled VACATING PORTION OF WOODLAND AVENUE.**

At this time, Committeeman Carson made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2014-24; seconded by Committeewoman Popko.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

**Public Hearing on Ordinance #2014-25 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH SAAJ URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, A NEW JERSEY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, QUALIFIED AS AN URBAN RENEWAL ENTITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY LONG TERM EXEMPTION LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ.**

At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2014-25; seconded by Deputy Mayor Cann.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

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ROBIN PRICE, 402 Harvest Way: Ms. Price inquired how the Township can be an urban renewal entity. Attorney Kearns responded that urban renewal has nothing to do with the big cities; it refers to any redevelopment that is taking place anywhere in the state. And when you develop a PILOT agreement with the redeveloper, they have to be an urban renewal entity.

Seeing no further public comment, Deputy Mayor Cann made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2014-25; seconded by Committeeman Carson.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

**Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance #2014-25 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH SAAJ URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, A NEW JERSEY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, QUALIFIED AS AN URBAN RENEWAL ENTITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY LONG TERM EXEMPTION LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ.**

COMMITTEEMAN MOYNIHAN: Committeeman Moynihan said that the Township Committee did not receive the final version of the financial agreement.

At this time, Committeeman Carson made a motion to TABLE Ordinance #2014-25 to the next Township Committee Meeting on September 15, 2014; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

**Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2014-26 entitled AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AGREEMENT FOR A FIVE-YEAR TAX EXEMPTION WITH W.W. GRAINGER, INC., FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON HEDDING ROAD IN THE CENTRAL CROSSINGS BUSINESS PARK AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 138.12 AND 137.**

At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2014-26; seconded by Committeeman Carson.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be September 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Township Committee discussion of sample “Sump Pump” Ordinance.**

Community Development Director Johnson distributed information to some of the residents in the audience. He said that the need for an ordinance originated from sump pump discharge into the streets which is problematic in 15-20 locations in the Township. The Township Committee discussed the matter and will review the material and forward their comments to Community Development Director Johnson.

**Township Committee discussion of Municipal Aid Grants.**

Alternate Township Engineer Fred Turek prepared a memo for the Township Committee to discuss regarding Municipal Aid Grants/NJDOT FY 2015 State Aid programs. The Township Committee agreed to proceed with Mr. Turek’s suggestions, and the application will be prepared for Dunn’s Mill Road.

**Township Committee discussion of Phase 3 Site Remediation at Public Works Facility.**

Mayor Benowitz stated that Phase 3 remediation work has been completed and awaiting lab results to determine if additional measures are required. Further update on the project was discussed by the Township Committee.

**Township Committee discussion of Request from Gray Construction to extend Construction Hours.**

Mayor Benowitz stated that trucks will be delivering concrete at the W.W. Grainger site on Hedding Road from 2:00 am - 7:00 a.m. There will be no truck reverse beeping noise. Lighting is being diverted downward. The Meadow Run HOA was notified of this at a meeting held on August 21, 2014. Community Development Director Johnson said that Gray Construction received an exemption to get the reverse beepers turned-off. He added that pouring the concrete during the night would keep the concrete trucks off the road during the day and during rush hour. This will also lessen the time for this part of the construction process. Community Development Director Johnson will provide Committeeman Moynihan information on who granted a waiver to deactivate the safety equipment.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

COMMITTEEMAN CARSON: Committeeman Carson said that 58 applicants applied for the Township Administrator position. Deputy Mayor Cann and he narrowed it down to 4. Interviews will take place on September 16, 2014.

Police Chief Nucera confirmed for Committeeman Carson that bike paths are the Township’s responsibility.

Committeeman Carson inquired if there was a plan to trim the trees along the roadways. There was discussion about who is responsible for trimming the trees. Committeeman Carson thought that the Township should be permitted to trim the trees hanging over the streets. P.W. Director Buhrer said that a Code Enforcement letter should go out to the resident first with the option to trim the tree themselves.

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Committeeman Carson asked about the status of the traffic light on Hedding and Rising Sun Road. Police Chief Nucera said the contractor has been on site, and they will have it installed before or shortly after the start of the school year.

COMMITTEEMAN MOYNIHAN: Committeeman Moynihan again announced the promotion of Sergeants Costner and Mount to Lieutenant. Regarding police body cameras that have been in the news recently, our police department is in the process of purchasing them for patrol officers. The new road patrol car that is being outfitted now will have radar, video cameras, an e-ticket system, and a license plate scanner installed in it.

The Sewer Authority met on August 18, 2014. There was an informal introduction of the fiscal year 2014 (December 2014 to November 2015) budget.

In regard to the Veteran's Advisory Committee, Chairman Harry Havens has been recovering in rehab from a recent health issue. Planning continues for the Veteran's Day Ceremony in November as well as the Veteran's participation in Community Day on September 20, 2014.

COMMITTEEWOMAN POPKO: Committeewoman Popko said Community Day is scheduled for September 20, 2014 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Senior Center.

Demolition was done by the Public Works Department on the old basketball court and playground at Bossert Park. It was a substantial cost savings doing it in-house. The tank removal at the new Public Works facility was also done by the Public Works Department.

Committeewoman Popko said there is much more recycling being accepted at the new Public Works location. There is a list of acceptable items on the Township's website.

The Public Works Department has filled four major sinkholes throughout the Township. They are currently working on crack sealer and surface sealer on paths at the Joseph Lawrence Park that leads to Peter Muschal before school starts.

It is currently being decided whether or not the brush and weeds will be removed behind the new Public Works building.

Livia Popko has resigned from the Environmental Commission and has been replaced with Patricia Concannon.

Committeewoman Popko has asked that a discussion item be added to the next meeting's Agenda: Tidy Towns. The Environmental Commission is working with the Public Works Department to start a process of breaking down the Township into the voting districts and having a contest of who has the tidiest district at the end of one year.

Paper Shredder Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon at the new Public Works facility.

The Environmental Commission has harvested over 650 lbs. of organic produce this year for the food pantries. The flowers go weekly to the Claire Estate. She thanked everyone involved.

DEPUTY MAYOR CANN: Deputy Mayor Cann said the Governor has signed new legislation for foreclosed properties. The ordinance will strengthen the towns' abilities to pursue or take action against mortgage companies who do not maintain properties. The penalties are more severe than what the Township has in place right now. Model legislation is currently being drafted by the League of Municipalities.

Subsequent to discussion with Township Assessor Eileen Carlos, there are still unresolved tax appeals. The Township will probably have to hire a commercial appraiser to defend the Township's position in court. Also, Team Campus has yet to withdrawal their tax appeal even though they are

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entered into a financial agreement with their PILOT. Withdrawing their tax appeals was part of their PILOT approvals. Deputy Mayor Cann asked that a letter be sent out to them.

Andy Law, Office of Emergency Management Supervisor, informed him that the Hurricane Sandy Grant has been updated. The Township has received \$89,827 in reimbursement. The final cost is now \$107,513. The Township will be receiving an additional FEMA grant of \$6,935. This represents 90% of the total cost.

September is National Preparedness Month. Mr. Law has offered to hold a seminar in September.

The August Planning Board Meeting was cancelled.

Deputy Mayor Cann was unable to attend the Fire District Meeting because he attended Music in the Park. He said the turnout and the music were excellent.

**MAYOR BENOWITZ:** Mayor Benowitz said he also attended the last Music in the Park and agreed it was a very good event. He thanked Committeewoman Popko for organizing the 5 concerts held this past summer.

On August 11, 2014, Community Development Director Johnson, Police Chief Nucera, and he met with the Grande at Crystal Lake Homeowners Association and 10-12 residents. Road safety, additional police presence, and additional signage were addressed.

On August 12, 2014, the Economic Development Committee Meeting finalized plans for the next business luncheon which will be held at Alstarz on October 20, 2014 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. The cost is \$20 per person. Business awards will be presented. A Township business update will be provided and a representative of W.W. Grainger will be the keynote speaker.

He attended the District #2 Fire Company meeting on August 13, 2014. They are still addressing the sleeping quarter violations. Tentatively on September 2, 2014, there will be a hearing of appeal with the Burlington County Construction. The ownership of the firehouse is still being investigated.

Discussions among the Fire District Commissioners on consolidation continue.

District #1 cancelled the ballot question scheduled for September 14, 2014 for additional funding.

There was a ribbon cutting at Ahern Rentals (8/13/14) and AT&T (8/15/14).

He attended the Meadow Run HOA meeting on August 21, 2014 with Gray Construction, W.W. Grainger, Community Development Director Johnson, and Police Chief Nucera. All the questions from the HOA were addressed.

He said he is continuing to meet with the Township professionals twice a month to review ongoing projects and activities.

He circulated information to some of the homes in Bossert Estates outlining what park improvements will be made. A rendering is posted on the Township website.

He rang doorbells in Borden's Crossing handing out a letter on the status of the bond and necessary improvements that needs to be made.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to open the meeting for public participation; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

**AYE:** Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

**NAY:** None

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DIANE HEINZ, 3 Hattaras Court, Williamsburg Village: Ms. Heinz stated her recycling has not been picked up. P.W. Director Buhner responded (indiscernible).

CAROL deGROOT, 8 Arlington Road: Mayor Benowitz responded to Ms. deGroot's question that there are 12 employees in the Public Works Department.

Ms. deGroot cited a Township Ordinance that prohibits outside drainage on the sidewalks in the Township. Attorney Kearns stated that the Land Use Ordinances apply to new development and do not apply to existing situations.

LEN deGROOT, 8 Arlington Road: Mr. deGroot said that the storm drains are for storm water only. He suggested discussing the problems with the N.J. EPA. He also expressed concern that what you do for one, you have to do for all the residents.

ALLISON HAMILTON, 215 Eclipse Drive: Ms. Hamilton asked when the roads at Borden's Crossing would be turned over to the Township. Mayor Benowitz said the Township has taken the first step by taking a complaint to the Burlington County Superior Court. Attorney Kearns reviewed the subsequent steps. The Township will not take over the streets until after the process is complete. Mayor Benowitz said there would be a meeting with HOA at a later date.

ROBIN PRICE, 402 Harvest Way: Ms. Price said that currently the Borden's Crossing's HOA pays a private contractor for snow removal. Deputy Mayor Cann said there have been no discussions with the HOA concerning snow removal (by the Township).

ALLISON HAMILTON, 215 Eclipse Drive and ROBIN PRICE, 402 Harvest Way: Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Price inquired if part of the entrance to the development was the HOA's responsibility. Deputy Mayor Cann said that they would have to look how the agreement was written (from approximately 2006), but it may be part of the 28 acres that is isolated for commercial/retail development. Mayor Benowitz suggested they bring their concerns back to the HOA to discuss with Brian Johnson.

ALLISON HAMILTON, 215 Eclipse Drive: Ms. Hamilton asked who is responsible for installing the Crescent Drive street sign off Route 130. She said they just want to know what the community HOA is responsible for.

ROBIN PRICE, 402 Harvest Way: Ms. Price asked for clarification on the lawsuit. Attorney Kearns confirmed that the development was turned over to Amboy Bank in lieu of foreclosure. He will provide a copy of the Agreement to Ms. Price. Ms. Price asked who is responsible for making sure the final development is completed (when the bonds are recovered). Mayor Benowitz responded, the (Alternate) Township Engineer and the HOA. Ms. Price asked if the punch list has been updated. Mayor Benowitz responded, the (Alternate) Township Engineer has been on site many times and is aware of the updated list. Deputy Mayor Cann added that the revised punch list came from the HOA. Ms. Price also stated that the property along Route 130 that is owned by Amboy Bank is unkept. Deputy Mayor Cann advised her to place a complaint with the Code Enforcement Officer.

LEN deGROOT, 8 Arlington Road: Mr. deGroot commented that the commercial development portion of Borden's Crossing wasn't erected prior to the residential as planned.

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WALT KOSUL, 539 Route 206: Mr. Kosul asked a question on Ordinance #2014-26. He also asked about the Township's credit rating. The answer from Tim Kiel, Township Auditor, is that the firms in New York City handle the credit rating.

ALLISON HAMILTON, 215 Eclipse Drive: Ms. Hamilton asked what happened in regard to the high school's solar panels. Mayor Benowitz encouraged Ms. Hamilton to ask the question at a School Board Meeting. Deputy Mayor Cann provided background on the issue. Ms. Hamilton also inquired about the percentage of taxes that go to the school district.

Seeing no further comments, Deputy Mayor Cann made a motion to close the meeting for public participation; seconded by Committeewoman Popko.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

At this time, Committeeman Carson made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that it does hereby adjourn the regular meeting; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

AYE: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Cann, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 10:38 p.m.

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STEPHEN BENOWITZ, MAYOR

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COLLEEN M. ECKERT, TOWNSHIP CLERK