

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 7, 2014

The Special 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.  
Chief Financial Officer David Kocian  
Chief of Police Frank M. Nucera, Jr.

ABSENT: Public Works Director Dean Buhrer

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 5:04 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 August 5, 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, Deputy Mayor Cann 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 Traffic Control & ADA Access Hedding & Rising Sun Roads Contract Matter; SAAJ Redevelopment Agreement & PILOT Contract Matters; Tax Collector and Township Clerk Personnel Matters, seconded by Committeewoman Popko.

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.

**(PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*ITEMS WILL BE ADDED TO THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS)**

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 5:07 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 5:51 pm.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW**

Township Clerk Eckert announced that as a result of the Closed Session, the following items are being added to the Special Meeting Agenda: Resolutions #2014-219-12A, #2014-219-12B, Ordinance #2014-24, and Ordinance #2014-25. Also, Agenda discussion item #13 is being pulled.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution #2014-219-7 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.**

**Resolution #2014-219-8 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION PURCHASE ORDER ENCUMBRANCES.**

**Resolution #2014-219-9 entitled AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT TO 130 CRABCO NJ, LLC, T/A CHICKIE'S & PETE'S.**

**Resolution #2014-219-10 entitled AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT TO PETRO IRON SKILLET.**

**Resolution #2014-219-11 entitled AMENDING RESOLUTION #2014-202-14 ENTITLED ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND OTHER RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN.**

**Resolution #2014-219-12 entitled RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES.**

**Resolution #2014-219-12A entitled RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SAAJ URBAN RENEWAL, LLC FOR THE SAAJ – EDGEWOOD MOTEL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

**Resolution #2014-219-12B entitled A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO TECHNAPRO ELECTRIC, LLC FOR THE INTERSECTION OF HEDDING & RISING SUN ROADS TRAFFIC CONTROL AND ADA ACCESS PROJECT.**

Township Committee reviewed and discussed Consent Agenda Items #2014-219-7 through #2014-219-12B. Committeeman Moynihan and Deputy Mayor Cann commented/asked questions.

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

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

NAY: None

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WALT KOSUL, 539 Route 206: Mr. Kosul inquired about the SAAJ agreement. Deputy Mayor Cann responded that it is re-ratifying designating SAAJ as the redeveloper and approving the Redeveloper's Agreement.

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

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

NAY: None

At this time, Committeeman Carson made a motion to adopt the consent agenda; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

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

NAY: None

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

ATTORNEY KEARNS: Attorney Kearns announced that this is a technical issue. The ordinance was adopted previously, but was not filed timely with the County Clerk's Office.

At this time, Committeeman Carson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2014-24: seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

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

NAY: None

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Consideration of Introduction 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 PROVIDISON OF THE NEW JERSEY LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW, N.J.S.A. 40a:20-1 ET SEQ.**

At this time, Committeeman Carson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2014-25: seconded by Committeewoman Popko.

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

NAY: None

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Township Committee discussion of Voicemail for Township Committee Members.**

Deputy Mayor Cann said that he would like to be included in the Township's telephone directory, and have residents be advised to call his cell phone number. Police Chief Nucera will check to see if calls can be forwarded right to the Township Committee's cell phones or to a telephone number they designate.

**Township Committee discussion of Water Tower Lighting and Draft Letter to City Commissioners.**

Mayor Benowitz said Mayor Malone of Bordentown City asked him to write a letter regarding the meeting with the residents that was held on July 30, 2014 regarding the lighting on the water tower. He read the letter into the record. The outcome of the meeting was that the water tower will not be lit and the flags will be painted over by Bordentown City at a future date.

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

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

NAY: None

ROB DELANEY, 5 Alfred Drive: Mr. Delaney inquired about the lighting of the flag on the water tower, and why the issue was brought up again.

He also asked about the road/sewer work that was done on the Township property. Police Chief Nucera responded that there were some issues with final inspection and to make sure it was consistent with the plans. Mayor Benowitz and he continued with discussion on engineers and costs of past projects.

Seeing no further comments, Committeeman Carson made a motion to close the meeting for public participation; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

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

NAY: None

At this time, Committeeman Moynihan made the following motion:

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that it does hereby adjourn the regular meeting; seconded by Deputy Mayor Cann.

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

NAY: None

The Special meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 6:16 p.m.

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STEPHEN BENOWITZ, MAYOR

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COLLEEN M. ECKERT, TOWNSHIP CLERK