

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 24, 2021

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  
Committeewoman Aneka Miller  
Administrator Michael Theokas  
Clerk Maria Carrington  
Attorney Eileen Fahey

ABSENT: None

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Roll Call was taken by Township Clerk Carrington.

**Resolution 2021-5-24 entitled RESOLUTION TO MEET IN CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** moved by Deputy Mayor Holliday and seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis. Voice Vote – Motion Carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:30 PM through a motion made by Committeeman Fuzy, seconded by Deputy Mayor Holliday. Voice Vote – Motion Carried.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:33 PM. The Mayor led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence dedicated to former Mayor Carol DeGroot who is currently in the hospital. Our thoughts are with her.

Township Clerk Carrington read the following Open Public Meeting Announcement:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act. Adequate and electronic notice of this meeting was provided. The notice of the 2021 meeting schedule was sent to the *Burlington County Times* and *The Times* on January 5, 2021 and subsequently published by the *Burlington County Times* on January 8, 2021. The notice has been, and remains, posted on the Township website and the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building. A copy of the notice is also on file in the Township Clerk's office to be made available to the public upon request. The proceedings of this meeting are being electronically recorded

A presentation on the Rights and Obligations under NJ Cannabis Law was given by the lawyers from McElroy Deutsch.

**Correspondence:** None

**Administrative Review:** Clerk Carrington stated there were no changes to the agenda.

**Resolution #2021-133 entitled APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** was adopted by motion from Committeeman Fuzy; seconded by Deputy Mayor Holliday. Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Committeeman Fuzy, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeewoman Miller, Deputy Mayor Holliday, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

**Consent Agenda:**

**Resolution #2021-134 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AND DELORES SIMMONS AND OBAFEMI SIMMONS**

**Resolution #2021-135 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING LLC FOR INSPECTION AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE FY2018/FY2019 WARD AVENUE RESURFACING PROJECT PHASES I AND II**

**Resolution #2021-136 entitled RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Click It or Ticket)**

**Resolution #2021-137 entitled RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (2021 Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant)**

**Resolution #2021-138 entitled RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE *CLICK IT OR TICKET* MOBILIZATION OF MAY 24 – JUNE 6, 2021**

**Resolution #2021-139 entitled RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY’S GREEN AMENDMENT**

**Resolution #140 entitled RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS “BAG UP NJ” MONTH**

**Resolution #2021-141 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE**

**Resolution #2021-142 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

**Resolution #2021-143 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR CLASS III OFFICER SERVICES**

**Resolution #2021-144 entitled REFUND OF ESCROW BALANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

**Resolution #2021-145 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO ENTER INTO INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WITH THE TOWNSHIPS OF CHESTERFIELD, MANSFIELD AND FLORENCE**

**Resolution #2021-146 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO AUTHORIZE FINAL COMPENSATION TO MICHELLE AUGUSTINO UPON RETIREMENT**

**Resolution #2021-147 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING LCC FOR TAX MAP MAINTENANCE**

**Resolution #2021-148 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING LCC FOR WASTE DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE GROUNDWATER MONITORING ON 262 CROSSWICKS ROAD**

**Resolution #2021-149 entitled APPROVING ROUTINE BUSINESS: ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR APRIL 2021**

**Resolution #2021-150 entitled APPROVING ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**Resolution #2021-151 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR TERRY FIELD PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS**

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2021-134 through #2021-151: Mayor Benowitz congratulated Shelly Augustino on her retirement after 32 years of service.

Committeeman Kostoplis made a motion to open the Consent Agenda items for public comment; seconded by Committeewoman Miller. Voice Vote – Motion Carried. There was no public comment. Committeeman Fuzy made a motion to close the Consent Agenda to public comment; seconded by Committeewoman Miller. Voice Vote – Motion Carried.

Committeeman Fuzy made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda consisting of Resolutions #2021-134 through #2021-151; seconded by Deputy Mayor Holliday. Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Committeeman Fuzy, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeewoman Miller, Deputy Mayor Holliday, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

**Introduction of Ordinance #2021-6 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, CANCELLING CERTAIN FUNDED AND UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES UNDER PREVIOUS BOND ORDINANCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,799,239.65**

Committeewoman Miller made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2021-6; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis. Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Committeeman Fuzy, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeewoman Miller, Deputy Mayor Holliday, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

The Public Hearing on Ordinance #2021-6 will be held at the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting.

**Introduction of Ordinance #2021-7 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING \$4,000,000 FOR SAID PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,728,750 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO**

Deputy Mayor Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2021-7; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy.  
Roll Call Vote:

AYE: Committeeman Fuzy, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeewoman Miller, Deputy Mayor Holliday, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

The Public Hearing on Ordinance #2021-7 will be held at the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting.

### **Business**

A letter supporting Chesterfield Township's request for individual compressor station blowdown event reports will be sent under Mayor Benowitz's signature this week.

### **Administrator's Report**

Following tonight's approval of several resolutions, the Township will be continuing in shared service agreements with the Bordentown Regional School District regarding the Student Resource Officer and the Class 3 Special Law Enforcement Officer as well as with Chesterfield, Mansfield and Florence regarding Animal Control services.

Congratulations are extended to Shelly Augustino on her retirement. We thank her for her service.

Ward Avenue roadwork is ongoing. Pedestrian crossings will be installed at the school and Joseph Lawrence Park.

A COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be held tomorrow at the Senior Center. Walk-ins are welcome. Another clinic will be held on June 22.

New COVID-19 guidelines have been released by the Governor. We will be looking to hold in person public meetings in the near future; however, the Township will remain conservative in its approach.

The Township is closed on Memorial Day. Summer hours will begin the next day. Town hall will be open 8 AM to 5 PM from Monday to Thursday. On Fridays, town hall will be open 9 AM to 12 noon. These hours will be in effect until Labor Day.

### **Township Committee Liaison Reports**

Committeeman Fuzy, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeewoman Miller, 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 Fuzy Voice Vote – Motion Carried. There was no public comment. Committeeman Kostoplis made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Voice Vote – Motion Carried.

### **Final Comments from Committee**

Committeewoman Miller asked about a Summer Job Program at the Township as well as an update on diversity hiring. Mayor Benowitz stated that diversity is being taken very seriously. Administrator Theokas stated that regarding the summer job program, the Township has been working with the school district.

Committeewoman Miller also stated that she is in favor of eliminating warehouses in future development plans.

Committeeman Kostoplis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM; seconded by Committeeman Fuzy. Voice Vote – Motion Carried.

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MARIA CARRINGTON, RMC  
TOWNSHIP CLERK