

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2015

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 James Cann
Deputy Mayor Jill Popko
Committeeman Stephen Benowitz
Committeeman Richard Carson
Committeeman John Moynihan
Township Clerk Colleen Eckert
Attorney William J. Kearns, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer David Kocian
Public Works Director Dean Buhrer
Chief of Police Frank M. Nucera, Jr.

ABSENT: None

Mayor Cann called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 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 7, 2015, 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 Benowitz 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 Expansion Project Contract Matter; Personnel Matters in the Construction Office, Tax Assessor, Township Clerk, Stipends, and Work Hours; seconded by Deputy Mayor Popko.

Matters discussed to be released upon formal action by the Township Committee.

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

NAY: None

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The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 7:05 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:50 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert stated that there is an addendum to the Agenda adding Resolutions #2015-068-17A and #2015-068-17B. And, as a result of Closed Session, Resolution #2015-068-17C is being added. The Township Committee was also provided the documentation from Rutgers which coincides with the discussion item on the County mosquito spraying. As a result of the discussions that occurred on March 7, 2015, revised pages for the proposed 2015 Municipal Budget are provided.

Mayor Cann said that in regard to the budget changes, he would like to schedule a special meeting so that the changes can be re-discussed; and when the budget is introduced on March 23, 2015, the budget is resolved as much as possible. Right now, the budget is at a modest reduction of \$4.42 on the average assessed home. This does not include the \$883,000 in debt service that is being paid off; this will show-up next year. It will eventually be a savings of over \$11 for the average assessed home.

There are also scenarios on the Assessor reflecting different amounts of compensation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2015-068-7 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2015-068-8 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

Resolution #2015-068-9 entitled APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #RL:409.

Resolution #2015-068-10 entitled AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BINGO LICENSE #BL:410.

Resolution #2015-068-11 entitled APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #RL:411.

Resolution #2015-068-12 entitled APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #RL:412.

Resolution #2015-068-13 entitled APPROVE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE FOR A CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL (CRP).

Resolution #2015-068-14 entitled AUTHORIZING 2015 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59).

Resolution #2015-068-15 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Resolution #2015-068-16 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO J.H. WILLIAMS ENTERPRISES, INC., FOR NORTHERN COMMUNITY PARK – PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS.

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Resolution #2015-068-17 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY FOR THE HEDDING ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT.

Resolution #2015-068-17A entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2015 SPONSORSHIP OF BOYS' STATE PARTICIPATION THROUGH AMERICAN LEGION POST 26.

Resolution #2015-068-17B entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW JERSEY RECOVERY CAMPAIGN.

Resolution #2015-068-17C entitled A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO GOWER'S, INC., FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EXPANSION PROJECT – PHASE 1A, FENCE & LANDSCAPE BUFFER.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2015-068-7 through #2015-068-17C. Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, Committeeman Benowitz, and Deputy Mayor Popko commented/asked questions.

Resolution #2015-068-08. The Township Committee talked about the February 23, 2015 Minutes. Township Clerk Eckert will review the comments on the discussion regarding the Authorization to Conduct Aerial Larval/Adult Mosquito Control Activities. The February 23, 2015 Minutes were pulled and will be amended and resubmitted at the next meeting for approval. The Closed Session Minutes of February 23, 2015 will only be approved at tonight's meeting.

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

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

NAY: None

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

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

NAY: None

At this time, Committeeman Carson made a motion to adopt the consent agenda except the Regular Meeting Minutes as part of Resolution #2015-068-8; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

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

NAY: None

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Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2015-3 entitled CALENDAR YEAR 2015 “CAP” ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).

At this time, Committeeman Carson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2015-3 seconded by Deputy Mayor Popko.

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

NAY: None

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be March 23rd.

Township Committee discussion of Authorization to Conduct Aerial Larval/Adult Mosquito Control Activities.

After discussion among the Township Committee, Deputy Mayor Popko made a motion to authorize the County to proceed with all parts of their program in Bordentown Township, except for the aerial spraying which is where they use the Temephos; seconded by Committeeman Benowitz.

AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Deputy Mayor Popko, Mayor Cann

NAY: Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan

Township Committee discussion of the Status of the 2014 Road Program Schedule for Mission, Grand, Yorktown and Thorntown 3-way Stop Intersection.

Police Chief Nucera said he sent an email to CME on March 4, 2015, and since the weather was getting warmer, Arawak will continue with the project in the next few weeks. The Township Committee asked to be provided with a schedule and a completeness date. Mayor Cann said that our financial advisors and Brian Kowalski recommended going out for another bond in late summer.

Township Committee discussion regarding the Status of the Crack Sealing Machine Purchase.

Police Chief Nucera said that Attorney Kearns provided him with the Bid Specifications today. They will go out tomorrow.

MAYOR CANN: In regard to the Recycling Certification, Mayor Cann stated for the record that he would like Dave Dietrich, P.W. Supervisor, to receive the certification as well as P.W. Director Dean Buhner (who will be completing the certification February 2016). P.W. Director Buhner responded that Mr. Dietrich is on the waiting list for this fall.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

COMMITTEEMAN CARSON: Committeeman Carson said he had nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEEMAN MOYNIHAN: Committeeman Moynihan said the Veteran's Advisory Committee has not met since the last Township Committee Meeting. They will be meeting tomorrow.

In regard to the Water Department, Deputy Mayor Popko and he are meeting with Mayor Malone of Bordentown City this Wednesday to review issues at the water plant regarding water quality.

The Youth Police Academy began this weekend. Committeeman Moynihan described some recent various police investigations/arrests.

COMMITTEEMAN BENOWITZ: Committeeman Benowitz stated that the last three Senior Citizen Meetings were cancelled due to weather.

There was a meeting on February 25, 2015 with Meadow Run Road residents whose properties abut the Grainger berm, representatives of Grainger, and Township representatives. The meeting was productive and Grainger will deed properties to residents extending to the berm at no cost to the residents. The agreement is subject to final approval by both the residential property owners and Grainger.

The Black History Month event was held on February 26, 2015. Attendance was much better than last year. Committeeman Benowitz acknowledged the individuals who took part in making a successful event.

The March 5, 2015 Planning Board Meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

A Planning Strategy Meeting was held on March 6, 2015 with some of our in-house professionals, Mayor Cann and Committeeman Benowitz. Subsequent meetings will be held with the Waterfront Community to discuss the financial redevelopment plan in order to negotiate in the best interest of the taxpayers while associating commercial projects come to mutually beneficial conclusions.

DEPUTY MAYOR POPKO: Deputy Mayor Popko said she attended the Black History Month event and said it was fabulous.

She said she attended the Junior Police Academy on Saturday and thanked everyone for organizing it.

The Public Works Department has been patching potholes. Mayor Cann suggested placing the pothole alert information on the Township Website. Snow removal was outstanding this year. Quotes were received for the pipes that broke at the Joseph Lawrence Park; they are looking at \$23,000 in repairs and another \$950 for the plumbing. Quotes will be forwarded to the insurance adjusters. The sports teams have been notified. P.W. Director Buhner is submitting a bid package to the Bordentown Regional Board of Education for Shared Services for grass cutting at the schools. The Public Works Department is currently working on the three dirt roads that need gravel: Taft, Oak, and Jersey Avenue.

The Environmental Commission is having a park clean-up on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Northern Community Park to prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Easter Egg Hunt signs are out, and it will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. for ages 2-9. Bordentown Township has put in an application to the N.J. DEP for one thousand tree saplings which will be distributed at the Easter Egg Hunt (5 maximum per household). Their intention is to restore trees knocked down by Hurricane Sandy. The remainder of saplings will go to the P.W. Department, and will also be given out at the Community Garden clean-up.

The Community Garden preparations will begin on April 17, 2015 (rain date April 24, 2015). Plantings are scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2015.

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MAYOR CANN: Mayor Cann said that the Black History Month event was very well done and it has a growing audience.

He stated that the Youth Police Academy was really great to watch and the officers are so good with the kids.

The Financial Agreement and Redevelopment Plan with Bordentown Waterfront are being reopened. They are bringing in changes and the Township needs to be protected. The Financial Agreement needs to be reopened to make sure that the wording is such that the Agreement remains intact. The Bordentown Waterfront representatives are in agreement with this. They've requested that the Township roll over the notes for the remaining amount of the Bond that has not been used.

He attended another meeting on March 4, 2015 on the Assessment Demonstration Program. They have been promoting this program as a success, but it has just begun. Mayor Cann further discussed the program.

At Wawa's request (applicant currently before the Planning Board), he attended a meeting at the N.J. DOT with C.D. Director Brian Johnson, and Planning Traffic Engineer, Jim Kochenour. The traffic pattern was discussed.

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

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

NAY: None

WALT KOSUL, 539 Route 206: Mr. Kosul commented on the PILOT Program and asked questions about the Budget. Committeewoman Popko thanked Mr. Kosul for bringing up a line item for recreation.

MIKE HUNTANAR, 16 Tantum Court: Mr. Huntanar said he received an email from Fred Turek, and there will be a meeting at the Township building with the developer for Bordentown Waterfront on March 12, 2015 prior to the Planning Board meeting regarding the Grande at Crystal Lake buffer plan.

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

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

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 recess this Regular Meeting to meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Matters Township Clerk, Stipends, and Work Hours; seconded by Committeeman Benowitz.

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No formal action will be taken by the Township Committee.

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

NAY: None

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 9:05 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:37 pm.

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 Deputy Mayor Popko.

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

NAY: None

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 9:37 p.m.

JAMES CANN, MAYOR

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, TOWNSHIP CLERK