

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 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
Chief of Police Frank M. Nucera, Jr.

ABSENT: Public Works Director Dean Buhrer

Mayor Cann called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 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 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 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 Emergency Management Coordinator Personnel Matter; UCC Personnel Matter; Public Works Expansion Project Contract Matter (Alt. Engineer Proposal); Joint Land Use Ordinance with Bordentown City Contract Matter; Tax Collector Personnel Matter; 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.

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 7:07 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:38 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert stated that as a result of Closed Session, Resolution #2015-124-13A is being added to the Consent Agenda.

Discussion by Andy Law, Emergency Management Coordinator, on the FEMA application for the Orchard Avenue Culvert.

Mr. Law gave a presentation and submitted photos to the Township Committee of the Orchard Avenue Culvert in The Glen development. He said the damage is significant and is trying to acquire monies from FEMA from Hurricane Sandy. At a recent meeting, they suggested a 406 Program funded by FEMA through the State. Mr. Law also discussed other emergency repairs needed in other parts of the Township. He did not feel that the application for review was treated with the utmost appreciation with the concerns that were presented. Mayor Cann will call and schedule a meeting with a contact in the Governor's Office.

MAYOR CANN: Mayor Cann stated that there were residents who wanted to discuss Resolution #2015-124-12:

BILL MORELLI, 11 Woodland Road: Mr. Morelli said no one has ever seen the Agreement that goes with the resolution. The resolution was pulled to give the residents the opportunity to review the Agreement, and it will be considered again at the next meeting. Mayor Cann explained that the Township has met with the Abbott Marsh representatives for assistance with a grant and to improve things, but there is no obligation and it is a non-legal, voluntary agreement.

Mr. Morelli said that his back yard is one of the properties being affected by the Orchard Avenue Culvert.

PETE ROHRBACHER, 12 Woodland Road: Mr. Rohrbacher asked if this plan would be implemented as stated in the resolution. Deputy Mayor Popko said the Agreement states it is not binding; the Township just wants "a seat at the table". Mayor Cann added that the Township wants to be able to alter things we don't like and promote the things we do like. There is no binding agreement and the resolution can be changed at any time.

COMMITTEEMAN CARSON: Committeeman Carson stated that the persons listed should check on the names of officials who are no longer in office and make sure it is current.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2015-124-7 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2015-124-8 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

Resolution #2015-124-9 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM BALCK LAGOON FOR POND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM LOCATED AT NORTHERN COMMUNITY PARK.

Resolution #2015-124-10 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR.

Resolution #2015-124-11 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARY PICARIELLO, CTC, TO CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Resolution #2015-124-12 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE COOPERATING STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE ABBOTT MARSHLANDS. (PULLED)

Resolution #2015-124-13 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AND THE NORTHERN BURLINGTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF SHOP BURLINGTON COUNTY GIFT CARD PROGRAM.

Resolution #2015-124-13A entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LLC, FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY EXPANSION PROJECT – ARCHITECTURAL & SITE PLAN PREPARATION.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2015-124-7 through #2015-124-13A, excluding Resolution #2015-124-12. Committeeman Carson commented/asked questions.

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

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

NAY: None

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

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, excluding Resolution #2015-124-12, and Resolution #2015-124-13 as amended; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

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

NAY: None

Township Committee discussion of Sample Ordinances relating to Standards for Keeping Chickens.

Deputy Mayor Popko said that residents were asking her about raising chickens on their property as a healthy alternative. The current ordinance does not allow this because of the property size requirement. Residents want to know how to amend the ordinance. Sample ordinances were presented to the Township Committee. The matter would need to be reviewed by Animal Control and to the Planning Board to change the zoning ordinance. This issue will be explored further.

Township Committee discussion of November Meeting Schedule for the Township Committee.

Township Clerk Eckert is unavailable for the November 9, 2015 Township Committee Meeting. The November 9, 2015 will be moved to November 16, 2015. The November 23, 2015 will be cancelled. The Township Committee was all in agreement. A resolution will be created and presented at the next meeting.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

COMMITTEEMAN CARSON: Committeeman Carson said everyone received a letter from the Bordentown Regional High School reminding them of the commencement exercise on June 18, 2015. Township Clerk Eckert will advise Angel Sauro to notify the school that the entire Township Committee will be attending.

COMMITTEEMAN MOYNIHAN: Committeeman Moynihan stated that the Veteran's Advisory Committee will be meeting on May 5, 2015.

COMMITTEEMAN BENOWITZ: Committeeman Benowitz attended the Senior Citizen Club Business Meeting on May 4, 2015. He cited and described some of their upcoming events. He attended the Tramps Like Us Concert and said the band was excellent. The Bordentown Waterfront Financial Agreement meeting was held on April 30, 2015.

DEPUTY MAYOR POPKO: Deputy Mayor Popko gave an update on what the Public Works Department is currently doing throughout the Township.

Tilling and planting has begun at the High School's native plant garden.

The Environmental Commission has been working on Movies in the Park and the Green Fair with Chesterfield Township. The Green Fair is scheduled for this Saturday from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. There was a huge turnout at Paper Shredder Day and over 6,000 lbs. of paper was collected.

Deputy Mayor Popko said her husband attended the meeting on the School Budget, and everyone will receive their numbers in their packet tomorrow.

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MAYOR CANN: Mayor Cann also reported on the Bordentown Waterfront Financial Agreement meeting that was held on April 30, 2015. The agreement is to make sure the square footages match for the intensity of use that Quick-Chek presents for the PILOT agreement. The VOA was also discussed (new COAH Housing Redeveloper). It may have to go to Judge Bookbinder for final approval. Remediation that is needed at the site was also discussed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: At this time, Deputy Mayor Popko 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 asked what the Township is doing about replacing personnel who are leaving or retiring. Mayor Cann responded that they are currently advertising.

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 adjourn the regular meeting; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

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 8:47 p.m.

JAMES CANN, MAYOR

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, TOWNSHIP CLERK