

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 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
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 Buhner
Chief of Police Frank M. Nucera, Jr.

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Jill Popko

Mayor Cann called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 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 Tax Collector Personnel Matter; Emergency Management Coordinator Personnel Matter; Open Space Land Acquisition and Open Space Potential Change in Plans; 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, Mayor Cann

NAY: None

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ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Popko

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 7:03 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:35 pm.

Mayor's Proclamation Honoring Matthew M. Van Pelt, Eagle Scout. At this time, Mayor Cann presented the Proclamation to Mr. Van Pelt and read it into the record.

Presentation by David Bannister regarding Website for Business/Commercial Activities.

Committeeman Benowitz stated that at the May 5, 2015 EDAC meeting, the Committee approved this presentation for a separate business commercial activity website. Mr. Bannister reviewed his proposal and gave the presentation. The website will highlight the local business listings. The Township Committee members decided that action will be taken at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert said that, due to the absence of Deputy Mayor Popko, Resolution #2015-138-14 is being removed. CFO Kocian stated that the payment to the U.S. Treasury on the bill list is actually \$5,600, not \$7,000.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2015-138-9 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2015-138-10 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.

Resolution #2015-138-11 entitled RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE OF DATES AND TIMES FOR THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Resolution #2015-138-12 entitled APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Resolution #2015-138-13 entitled RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE AMOUNT OF OFFICE HOURS AND SALARY FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR.

Resolution #2015-138-14 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE COOPERATING STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE ABBOTT MARSHLANDS.

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Resolution #2015-138-15 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON FOR THE PEDESTRIAN FLASHER AT CROSSWICKS ROAD AND CHARLES BOSSERT DRIVE.

Resolution #2015-138-16 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO MEMORIALIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF PETER CARBONE.

Resolution #2015-138-17 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO MEMORIALIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF THOMAS MAHONEY.

Resolution #2015-138-18 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO MEMORIALIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF MARY PICARIELLO.

Resolution #2015-138-19 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO BATATA CONSTRUCTION FOR THE THORNTOWN LANE/HINKLE DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.

Resolution #2015-138-20 entitled APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #RL:413.

Resolution #2015-138-21 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE REGARDING THE USAGE OF THE UCC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES.

Resolution #2015-138-22 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. BT-1 FOR ARAWAK PAVING COMPANY FOR THE 2014 ROAD PROGRAM.

Resolution #2015-138-23 entitled A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO HORNER BROTHERS, LLC, FOR THE CHARLES BOSSERT PARK – FENCING.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2015-138-9 through #2015-138-23, excluding Resolutions #2015-138-14 and #2015-138-22. Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Moynihan, and Committeeman Benowitz commented/asked questions.

Resolution #2015-138-22. The Township Committee had a discussion about repair of the curbing. Committeeman Carson expressed concern about establishing a precedent on whose responsibility it should be to correct the repair: the resident or the Township. Mayor Cann said this resolution will be pulled until the next meeting so it can be discussed further.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Popko

WALT KOSUL, 539 Route 206: Mr. Kosul inquired about the UCC Construction Services Contract with Florence Township. Police Chief Nucera stated it is not a contract, it is an inter-local agreement where they will provide their inspectors to us on an hourly basis, and Bordentown Township will pay their inspectors what Florence Township pay their personnel.

BRUCE HILL, 757 Mission Road: Mr. Hill asked about Resolution #2015-138-22. Mayor Cann responded that there was a drainage problem on Arlington Road.

KARL BECKER, 71 Eaton Road: Mr. Becker commented on the progress of the repairs/upgrades at Bossert Park. Mayor Cann responded that the Park is currently being worked on.

Seeing no further comments, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to close to the public; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Popko

At this time, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to adopt the consent agenda, excluding Resolutions #2015-138-14 and #2015-138-22, and a correction to the bill payment to the IRS as stated by CFO Kocian; seconded by Committeeman Carson.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Popko

Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-5 entitled ADOPTING THE AMENDED ZONING MAP.

At this time, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2015-5; seconded by Committeeman Carson.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Popko

WALT KOSUL, 539 Route 206: Mr. Kosul inquired about the amended zoning map. Mayor Cann stated that the map has been amended, the redevelopment areas are identified on the map, and it will be posted as soon as it is adopted. Mr. Kosul also asked about the tax map; Mayor Cann replied that it is being worked on.

Seeing no further public comment, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2015-5; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Popko

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance #2015-5 entitled ADOPTING THE AMENDED ZONING MAP.

At this time, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2015-5; seconded by Committeeman Carson.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Popko

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

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

COMMITTEEMAN MOYNIHAN: Committeeman Moynihan stated that in regard to the Veteran's Advisory Committee, Pete Ziegler passed away last week. Mr. Ziegler was also very active in the Senior Community.

American Legion Post #26 is having their Memorial Day Ceremony in Bordentown City Saturday, May 23, 2015.

The Parade of Wreaths Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015 at the Maguire/Ft. Dix Lakehurst Joint Base.

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The Bordentown Sewerage Authority had a meeting tonight, and a Special Meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2015 to discuss the possible rate increases. The public is welcome to come.

Committeeman Moynihan gave an update on some recent Police Department matters. The new officers continue to make progress and are moving forward without issues.

COMMITTEEMAN BENOWITZ: On May 5, 2015, Committeeman Benowitz said he attended the Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting where the business commercial website proposal was discussed.

On May 9, 2015, he attended the Chesterfield/Bordentown Township Green Fair. He said it was very educational.

A meeting on COAH was held on May 13, 2015. Committeeman Benowitz gave a brief summary.

Borden's Crossing HOA meeting was held on May 13, 2015.

At the May 14, 2015 Planning Board Meeting, the Mission Fire Company District #1 Capital Project Review was approved. The amended Grainger proposed signage package was approved with stipulated conditions to the north-facing sign. This sign could have impacted the residents at the Preserve at Meadow Run residents.

He attended the recent Senior Citizen Club Social Meeting.

MAYOR CANN: Mayor Cann reported on the COAH meeting. Jeffrey Surenian was just appointed as the Township's COAH attorney. He advised that a special planner has to be hired for COAH. A report to the State has to be submitted by July 8, 2015 in order to protect the Township from the 726 unit mandate. This matter is time sensitive.

The Orchard Avenue and Glen Road situation was discussed at the last meeting. The project was approved throughout the process until recently where the Township was advised that the emergency repairs were permanent repairs. Mayor Cann and Emergency Management Coordinator, Andy Law, met with a contact from the Governor's office last week and she will be seeking help for the Township.

The Township will soon be receiving a \$433,000 reimbursement from Hurricane Irene.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Popko

BRUCE HILL, 757 Mission Road: Mr. Hill asked about the land that borders the Mission Fire Company on Groveville Road.

He also asked if progress was being made to merge the fire districts. Mayor Cann said they have been in active discussions since 2013, and have asked the Township not to interfere in the discussions.

Mr. Hill discussed the repaving on Mission Road, the curbing, and how the storm drain in front of his house has collapsed. Mayor Cann will defer this matter to one of the Township engineers and/or C.D.

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Director Brian Johnson. Mr. Hill added that all the curbs installed are ADA compliant except for the corner of Grand Avenue and Mission Road. He also said that they removed the geological landmark for surveying.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Popko

POLICE CHIEF NUCERA: Police Chief Nucera announced that summer hours will begin on May 26, 2015. He thanked the Township Committee and said it was well received by the employees.

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, Mayor Cann

NAY: None

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Popko

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 8:41 p.m.

JAMES CANN, MAYOR

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, TOWNSHIP CLERK