

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2016

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 Jill Popko
Deputy Mayor Stephen Benowitz
Committeeman James Cann
Committeeman Richard Carson
Committeeman Eric Holliday
Township Clerk Colleen Eckert
Attorney Sander Friedman
Chief Financial Officer David Kocian
Chief of Police Frank M. Nucera, Jr.
Community Development Director Brian Johnson

ABSENT: Public Works Director Dean Buhner
Attorney Eileen Fahey

Mayor Popko called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 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 4, 2016, 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 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:
Environmental Litigation Matters: Transco Compressor Station and SRL Pipeline; Professional Services Contract Matter: K. Johnson Redevelopment; Professional Services Contract Matter: 2016 Road Program; Administrative Personnel Matter.

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; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

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NAY: None

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 7:05 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:46 pm.

Presentation of Certificates to Bordentown U-10 Softball League for winning State Championship.

Mayor Popko commended the team for their accomplishment. She recognized and presented a certificate to each girl and their coaches.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert stated there is a revision to Resolution #2016-228-14. Attorney Fahey and Planning Board Attorney Garty recommended that Ordinance #2016-11 be pulled from the Agenda. As a result of Closed Session, Resolutions #2016-228-22A and #2016-228-22B are being added. On the bill list, it should be noted that payment to Guy Renzi is contingent upon the Township receiving the dewatering hearing transcript.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2016-228-8 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2016-228-9 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.

Resolution #2016-228-10 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.

Resolution #2016-228-11 entitled APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #RL:432.

Resolution #2016-228-12 entitled APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #RL:433.

Resolution #2016-228-13 entitled AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BINGO LICENSE #BL:434.

Resolution #2016-228-14 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ASSESSING LIEN UPON DWELLINGS OR LANDS FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.14.

Resolution #2016-228-15 entitled AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT TO THE FOUNDATION FOR BORDENTOWN TRADITIONS.

Resolution #2016-228-16 entitled NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD CONTRACT UNDER A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF A

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NEW CASE 221 FHST T4 FINAL COMPACT WHEEL LOADER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2.

Resolution #2016-228-17 entitled APPROVING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR REPORT OF AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

Resolution #2016-228-18 entitled AMEND PUBLIC WORKS EXPANSION – PROJECT 3, 262 CROSSWICKS ROAD WITH JOSEPH PORRETTA BUILDERS, INC. – CHANGE ORDER NO. 4.

Resolution #2016-228-19 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO NICKOLAUS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR BASKETBALL COURT RENOVATIONS.

Resolution #2016-228-20 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEE TO SOLAR CITY, FOR PROJECT LOCATED AT 14 SO. COLONIAL DRIVE.

Resolution #2016-228-21 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM CME ASSOCIATES FOR TAX MAP MAINTENANCE YR 2016.

Resolution #2016-228-22 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP TO SHARE COSTS OF WETLANDS EXPERT FOR THE TRANSCO COMPRESSOR STATION MATTER.

Resolution #2016-228-22A entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM CME ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2016 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Resolution #2016-228-22B entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT SPECIAL COUNSEL IN THE K. JOHNSON REDEVELOPMENT MATTERS.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2016-228-8 through #2016-228-22B. Committeeman Carson, Committeeman Holliday, and Deputy Mayor Benowitz commented/asked questions on the Consent Agenda.

POLICE CHIEF NUCERA: Police Chief Nucera stated that he would be checking with the JIF to see if there is weather cancellation insurance and if the Township should consider carrying it. This year, the Township had to pay Johnny on the Spot and Pyrotechnico cancellation fees because of the rain.

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

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

NAY: None

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

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

NAY: None

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

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

NAY: None

Public Hearing on Ordinance #2016-10 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AMENDING THE SECTION 15.04.020 OF THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH PERMIT AND FEE SCHEDULE.

Construction Official Joe LaRocca was present to answer questions regarding the Ordinance. Mayor Popko said she had requested a comparison of the changed fees. Mr. LaRocca briefly reviewed some changes. The Township Committee requested that the comparison of fee changes (new and old fees) be provided to the Committee at the next meeting and the Adoption of the ordinance be tabled until the next meeting.

At this time, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2016-10; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

Seeing no public comment, Committeeman Carson made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2016-10; seconded by Deputy Mayor Benowitz.

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

NAY: None

At this time, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to table Ordinance #2016-10 until September 12, 2016; seconded by Committeeman Carson

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

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NAY: None

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2016-11 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOUTHERN GATEWAY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SOUTHERN GATEWAY REDEVELOPMENT AREA. (PULLED)

Township Committee discussion of Education Policy.

The Township Committee reviewed the draft Education Policy. They made some suggested changes which included a tier policy and appeal process.

Township Committee discussion of Cash Policy.

Mayor Popko said a situation recently occurred at the Township recently where an individual was disgusted with government and brought in a bag full of change to pay a ticket at the court office. According to our auditors, we must accept cash in any form. The procedure is that the individual has to count the money first, then the employee would count the money, then a receipt would be issued. This will be added to the Township's Cash Management Policy.

Township Committee discussion of Protocol/Guideline Policy for Township Departments.

Mayor Popko discussed setting up a policy for donations/suggested donations recently received by the Veterans Advisory Committee and the Green Team for events. Police Chief Nucera said there is already a Cash Management Policy in place, and he didn't know if an actual Plan could be created for all the different fundraising events/donations/solicitations. His suggestion was, before proceeding, the department schedule a meeting with the Township to determine if it can and how it should be done.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

COMMITTEEMAN CANN: Committeeman Cann said he had nothing to report.

COMMITTEEMAN CARSON: Committeeman Carson said the Veterans Advisory Committee and School Board are meeting this week. He expressed concern that two speakers were booked for the Veterans Day Ceremony. Mayor Popko said she thought there was a lack of communication between the VAC Chairman and Angel Sauro in the planning process, but having two speakers was a good thing.

COMMITTEEMAN HOLLIDAY: Committeeman Holliday gave an update on the two fire district meetings.

In regard to the ISO Insurance for Fire District #2, they had a meeting with the new ISO representative and they are looking to redo their survey for the Fire Department. They didn't get credit for things like the water supply, staffing, and the firetruck in the first survey, so the rating has gone from a 5 to a 10. Committeeman Holliday said he would stay on top of this. Police Chief Nucera added that residents who have received an increase should contact Fire District #2 to request a letter to submit to their insurance companies clarifying that the ISO parts were inaccurate and hopefully the insurance company will reconsider pending the new ISO rating.

He cited some recent Police activities.

National Night Out was held on August 2, 2016. It was very successful.

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The Township Police Officers participated in a school back pack giveaway at the Verizon Store and Bradford Pointe Apartments on July 30, 2016. Over 100 backpacks were given away.

DEPUTY MAYOR BENOWITZ: Deputy Mayor Benowitz attended the Senior Citizen Business Meeting on August 1, 2016 and the Senior Citizen Social Meeting on August 15, 2016.

So far the fire hydrant flushing has been completed in the northern end of the Township, and will continue to be done every year.

The 2016 River Route Plan Update Quality of Life questionnaire was completed and sent to Burlington County by Bordentown Township.

At the last Planning Board Meeting, the Volunteers of America (VOADC) were granted final site plan approval with conditions for the 3-story affordable housing project.

He attended the August 9, 2016 Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting. The next business luncheon will be September 26, 2016 at Town and Country Diner; it will be an Awards Luncheon.

The Sewerage Authority Meeting held their meeting tonight. He read from the hand-outs he received at the meeting regarding the rate amounts. Rates will be revisited every year as required by law.

MAYOR POPKO: There is an Environmental Commission meeting tomorrow night.

Deputy Mayor Benowitz and she will be meeting with the Crystal Grande HOA.

Mayor Popko met with a representative from Angelø Ministry. If there is anyone in the Township who is homeless, has a drug addiction, etc., he said we can contact him. Mayor Popko gave his card to Angel Sauro. Police Chief Nucera said that although he did not know who the individual is, there was a problem at the Petro Truck Stop where a preaching minister there did not have his credentials. Police Chief Nucera will follow-up and check on his name.

Mayor Popko met with the Philadelphia Inquirer and she has been invited to take part in a documentary regarding ELCON.

The Environmental Commission is currently working on their certification with Sustainable New Jersey.

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

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

NAY: None

DIANE HEINZ, 3 Hattaras Court: Ms. Heinz thanked Deputy Mayor Benowitz and Police Chief Nucera regarding the hydrant flushing. She inquired about the hydrant on Williamsburg Drive that has a cover over it. Police Chief Nucera will contact Fire District #2.

In regard to the fire lane striping, Police Chief Nucera said the ordinance will be introduced at the September 26, 2016 Township Committee Meeting.

LEN de GROOT, 8 Arlington Road: Mr. de Groot made a statement regarding currency.

He asked what the status was regarding the Arlington Road nut grass problem. C.D. Director Brian Johnson responded that the contractor has agreed to remove all the soil down and replace with sod.

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This will occur approximately the first week of September. The specific date will be communicated to the residents. Mr. de Groot said a pre-emerg treatment will be necessary in the spring.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Benowitz made a motion to close the meeting for public participation; seconded by Committeeman Carson.

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

NAY: None

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

POLICE CHIEF NUCERA: Police Chief Nucera said that on August 26, 2016, the Township will have the first Lunch and Learn and Chef Mayor Popko will be preparing vegan items for the employees.

MAYOR POPKO: On August 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Ramada Inn, there will be the permit hearing for the wetlands with the N.J. DEP concerning the Transco Compressor Station. She asked everyone to attend.

On September 2, 2016, the Fireworks will be held at Joseph Lawrence Park.

COMMITTEEMAN CARSON: At the last meeting, there was discussion about applying for a Grant through the Bordentown Elks for the Veterans Memorial. The meeting with Township representatives and the Bordentown Elks has taken place. C.D. Director Johnson is working with Elks on the Grant.

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 Benowitz.

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

NAY: None

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

JILL POPKO, MAYOR

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, TOWNSHIP CLERK