

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 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 Eileen Fahey
Chief Financial Officer David Kocian
Chief of Police Frank M. Nucera, Jr.

ABSENT: Public Works Director Dean Buhrer

Mayor Popko called the meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for Doris Spoletini, mother of one of our employees.

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 November 6, 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
SRL Pipeline
NJNG
DEP Wetlands Permits
- Kevin Johnson Tax Appeal Matter Potential Litigation.
- Contract Negotiations ó Consulting Services.
- Community Development Personnel Matter.
- Personnel Matter ó Vacation Carryovers.
- Farmland Contract Matter.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that it does hereby recess this Regular Meeting for purpose of discussing: Contract Negotiations, Personnel and Litigation Matters, discussed to be released upon formal action by the Township Committee; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 6:35 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:51 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert stated that there was nothing to report.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2016-319-7 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2016-319-8 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.

Resolution #2016-319-9 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2016-319-10 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2016-319-11 entitled REFUND OF ESCROW BALANCES FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS.

Resolution #2016-319-12 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.

Resolution #2016-319-13 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2016-319-14 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES FOR RABIES CLINIC.

Resolution #2016-319-15 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TUREK CONSULTING TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

Resolution #2016-319-16 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE REMOVAL OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) BARRIERS AT

BORDENTOWN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX AND WITHIN VARIOUS MUNICIPAL RIGHTS -- OF-WAYS.

Resolution #2016-319-17 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2016-319-18 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO A-TEAM CONCRETE, INC., FOR REMOVAL OF ADA BARRIERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

Resolution #2016-319-19 entitled AMEND PUBLIC WORKS EXPANSION PROJECT PHASE 1A – FENCE AND LANDSCAPE BUFFERING WITH GOWER’S, INC., CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FINAL.

Resolution #2016-319-20 entitled A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S-2254 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A-3821 WHICH AFFIRMS THE LANGUAGE AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT.

Resolution #216-319-21 entitled AMEND PUBLIC WORKS EXPANSION – PROJECT 2, 266 CROSSWICKS ROAD WITH JOSEPH PORRETTA BUILDERS, INC. – CHANGE ORDERS NO. 7 AND 8.

Resolution #2016-319-22 entitled AUTHORIZING NOVEMBER 14, 2016, BUDGET TRANSFERS.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2016-319-7 through #2016-319-22. Mayor Popko commented/asked questions on the Consent Agenda.

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

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

NAY: None

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

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 with an amendment to the Closed Session Minutes of November 1, 2016; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

Public Hearing on Ordinance #2016-14 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO AMEND CHAPTER 15.16 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE “HOUSING CODE”.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Benowitz made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2016-14; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

Seeing no public comment, Deputy Mayor Benowitz made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2016-14; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance #2016-14 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO AMEND CHAPTER 15.16 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE “HOUSING CODE”.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Benowitz made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2016-14; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

COMMITTEEMAN CANN: Committeeman Cann said leaf pick-up by the Public Works Department is back in action; a part needed replacement. The Animal Control Truck is done and ready for pick-up on Wednesday. Additional trucks for the Public Works Department will be ordered.

The pre-construction meeting for the Public Works Recycling and Gas Pump work was held; work will begin shortly.

A meeting was held regarding the Seth Hand Educational Park. Leaf and plant identifiers are being placed in the park. The QR tag will allow the kids to use their smart phones to get information on the trees. The Township would like the schools to start using the park. If the QR tags work, they would

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like to move this into the other Township parks, and maybe add animal identification. A follow-up meeting will be held on December 5, 2016.

COMMITTEEMAN CARSON: Committeeman Carson congratulated Committeeman-Elect Eugene Fuzy on his election to the Township Committee.

Committeeman Carson thanked the Public Works Department, the Police Department, Angel Sauro, the Township Committee, and the Scouts for their participation in the Veteranø Day Ceremony. Committeeman Carson suggested presenting certificates of appreciation to the Scouts who escorted the wreaths.

COMMITTEEMAN HOLLIDAY: Derby Fire Company District #2 is holding their meeting tonight.

Committeeman Holliday gave an update on events at Mission Fire Company District #1.

He cited some recent Police activities.

He said he attended the Grand Opening of Quick-Chek with Mayor Popko and Deputy Mayor Benowitz.

The State Field Hockey Championship was recently held at the high school.

He also attended the Veteranø Day Ceremony which was very nice.

On November 12, 2016, Committeeman Holliday took part in the Alzheimerø Walk in Philadelphia.

DEPUTY MAYOR BENOWITZ: On November 7, 2016, Deputy Mayor Benowitz attended the Sr. Citizensø Business Meeting and the Quick-Chek Grand Opening Ceremony.

He also attended the Veteranø Day Ceremony on November 5, 2016. He congratulated the Veteranø Advisory Committee for a fine program, as well as all the people who participated.

On November 5, 2016, Committeeman Holliday and he attended the Blessing of the Historic Tombstone for Father Joseph Viggio, the Pastor of St. Maryø Church from 1857-1866.

Deputy Mayor Benowitz said he would be reaching out to Mark Remsa and Ed Fox of the Burlington County Bridge Commission in order to assist with the required Re-examination of the Bordentown Township Master Plan. The deadline for the completion of the process is July 2017. It will be discussed with the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to ascertain their input.

In regard to the Community Development Office and UCC Office, he gave an update on current projects in the Township.

MAYOR POPKO: Mayor Popko said she attended the Quick-Chek Grand Opening Ceremony, as well. Quick-Chek will be making a donation to Little League each year.

In regard to the Veteranø Day Ceremony on November 5, 2016, she said they did a great job and thanked everyone. She said Committeeman Carsonø idea of having the Scouts walk up with the wreaths this year was a really nice touch.

Committeeman-Elect Eugene Fuzy and she met at the Community Garden to repot trees, perform garden clean-up, and close the garden.

The Environmental Commission and Green Team meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2016. At the League Convention this week, she will be receiving another bronze award on behalf of the Township for Sustainable Jersey.

She will be on Comcast Newsmakers.

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Mayor Popko said she received notice that she was nominated Mayor of the Year by the State of New Jersey Sierra Club, and will be receiving an award on November 20, 2016 in New Providence, New Jersey.

COMMITTEEMAN CANN: In regard to the Joseph Lawrence Park Pavillion at Veteranø Park, they are still waiting on the architect for the final drawings, and havenø been able to put it out to bid. Alt. Engineer Fred Turek has been following up.

In regard to the disease problem with the Ash trees, the death rate if untreated is 99.7%. He said he has many of these trees in his yard, but is concerned with the trees in our parks, and the loss of these trees can affect water run-off. There are expensive injections available that will work for 2-3 years. Mayor Popko said she would talk to the arborists.

MAYOR POPKO: Mayor Popko said they have started clearing the trails at Northern Community Park back by the baseball fields. She said she made a request to use the old trees for free firewood for the residents.

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 said there are still broken fire hydrants on Williamsburg Drive. Police Chief Nucera said he would follow-up.

Ms. Heinz said her N.J. Manufacturers Insurance bill increased, and they told her it was because of the recent storms.

Ms. Heinz said LaGalleria donated 3 pizzas to the Bordentown City poll location, and said it was a good business relation type of thing to do.

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

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

NAY: None

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

POLICE CHIEF NUCERA: Police Chief Nucera said that as a requirement of the JIF, employee training will be held on December 2, 2016. To keep the offices open, administrative employees will be rotated in the morning for CPR and Defibulator Training. Harassment and active shooter drills will occur in the afternoon; the municipal complex will need to be closed for this.

The final JIF Lunch and Learn will be held in the afternoon on December 9, 2016. This will incorporate the employee holiday party.

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It was a consensus among the Township Committee to close the Township building on the afternoons of December 2 and 9, 2016.

COMMITTEEMAN CARSON: Committeeman Carson suggested inviting Committeeman-Elect Fuzy to the Closed Session Meeting on December 5, 2016.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Benowitz 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 Carson.

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 8:31 p.m.

JILL POPKO, MAYOR

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, TOWNSHIP CLERK