

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 6, 2017

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 Stephen Benowitz
Deputy Mayor Eugene Fuzy
Committeeman James Cann
Committeeman Eric Holliday
Committeewoman Jill Popko (entered at 6:07 pm)
Interim Administrator George Haeuber
Township Clerk Colleen Eckert
Attorney Eileen Fahey
Chief Financial Officer David Kocian

ABSENT: Public Works Director Dean Buhner

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence. Mayor Benowitz stated that Cora Lee passed away. She was a nurse at BMI who was honored at the Black History Month Celebration. Committeeman Cann said that Jeffrey Albert's father passed away. He is a developer in the Township.

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 February 24, 2017, 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 Cann 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:

- VOA PILOT Contract Matter.
- Finance Department Personnel Matter.
- Environmental Litigation Matters: Transco Compressor Station
SRL Pipeline
NJNG
Elcon Hazardous Waste Facility
- Professional Services Contract Matters: Planner (Special Projects)
Labor Counsel (Special Projects)

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Public Works Expansion Project
Special Counsel – K. Johnson Matter

- Construction Department Personnel Matter.
- Municipal Court Shared Services Contract Matter.
- Personnel Matters.
- Attorney-Client Privilege Matter: Township Committee Procedures.
- Bordentown Sewerage Authority.

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 Holliday, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 6:17 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:44 pm.

Resolution #2017-065-24G entitled PROMOTING SERGEANT MATT CROWELL TO THE POSITION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT.

Mayor Benowitz read the resolution into the record.

At this time, Committeeman Cann made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-065-24G; seconded by Committeewoman Popko.

AYE: Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Township Clerk Eckert administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Crowell.

Mayor Benowitz announced Brian Pesce has been appointed Acting Chief of Police.

Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to EMT's.

Mayor Benowitz read the Certificate of Recognition to the Bordentown Township EMT's into the record, and then presented each individual with their certificate.

Proclamation Recognizing Hope Hose Humane Company No. 1 on Outstanding Achievements.

Mayor Benowitz read the Proclamation into the record.

Proclamation Honoring Black History Month.

Mayor Benowitz read the Proclamation into the record, and stated it would be hung in Township Hall.

Proclamation Honoring Kathryn Molis.

Mayor Benowitz read the Proclamation into the record, and stated he gave the Proclamation to Kathryn Molis this week at her birthday party.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert that as a result of Closed Session, Resolutions #2017-065-24A through 2017-065-24F are being added to the Consent Agenda. After review of the Consent Agenda, Ordinance #2017-5 is being introduced.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2017-065-11 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2017-065-12 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.

Resolution #2017-065-13 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2017-065-14 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2017-065-15 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC V. TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, ET ALS.

Resolution #2017-065-16 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.

Resolution #2017-065-17 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Resolution #2017-065-18 entitled AUTHORIZING 2017 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59).

Resolution #2017-065-19 entitled AWARDING A CONTRACT TO RICHARD T. BARRETT PAVING COMPANY FOR THE DUNNS MILL ROAD EMERGENCY REPAIR IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.

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Resolution #2017-065-20 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF BORDENTOWN SHARE OF THE MACCS CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL JERSEY WASTE & RECYCLING FOR BASIC SERVICE SOLID WASTE AND BULK COLLECTION.

Resolution #2017-065-21 entitled RESOLUTION AWARING A CONTRACT TO THE CONCORDE GROUP, INC., FOR RECORDS RETENTION.

Resolution #2017-065-22 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO MEMORIALIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF WALTER KOEGEL.

Resolution #2017-065-23 entitled AMEND PUBLIC WORKS EXPANSION PROJECT – OUTBUILDINGS AND EMERGENCY GENERATOR, 266 CROSSWICKS ROAD, GENERATOR WITH LANCE ELECTRIC – CHANGE ORDER NO. 1.

Resolution #2017-065-24 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN ACCEPTING A GRANT AWARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS.

Resolution #2017-065-24A entitled APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP PROFESSIONAL STAFF: PROFESSIONAL PLANNER (SPECIAL PROJECTS) AND LABOR COUNSEL (SPECIAL PROJECTS).

Resolution #2017-065-24B entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LLC, FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS EXPANSION PROJECT – OUTBUILDINGS & EMERGENCY GENERATOR (SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES – CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & INSPECTION SERVICES).

Resolution #2017-065-24C entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT SPECIAL COUNSEL IN THE K. JOHNSON REDEVELOPMENT MATTERS.

Resolution #2017-065-24D entitled RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR AN ADJUSTMENT IN HOURS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL TO PART-TIME STATUS.

Resolution #2017-065-24E entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT SALMONS AS BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR AND ALLOWING FOR AN ADJUSTMENT IN HOURS TO FULL-TIME STATUS.

Resolution #2017-065-24F entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAPTAIN PESCE AS ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE AND AUTHORIZING A STIPEND FOR SAME.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2017-065-11 through #2017-065-24G. Committeewoman Popko, Committeeman Cann, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, and Mayor Benowitz commented/asked questions on the Consent Agenda.

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Resolution #2017-065-11. In regard to P.O. 16-01898 on the bill list, Committeewoman Popko stated that the Pipeline payments belong to Genova Burns. The amount of \$60.96 should reference Industrial Waste. This P.O. was pulled for further investigation.

In regard to P.O. 17-00233 on the bill list, Committeewoman Popko stated that the payments to ANJEC should all be charged to the Environmental Commission. A correction will be made.

Resolution #2017-065-12. In regard to the January 23, 2017 Regular minutes, Committeewoman Popko cited a typographical change. She also asked that the conversation prior to Resolutions #2017-023-32D and #2017-023-32E be added. Township Clerk Eckert will follow-up. The January 23, 2017 regular meeting minutes were pulled from Resolution #2017-065-12.

Deputy Mayor Fuzy stated he is abstaining from the February 13, 2017 meeting minutes.

Resolution #2017-065-15. Committeewoman Popko said she will have to abstain from voting on this resolution since she was not part of the conversation. She expressed her disappointment of not being part of that conversation. She said she had to work that evening and no actions were taken to make the meeting earlier in the day. She said she was not given the opportunity of being part of that conversation even though she has lots of opinions about it. She said she is disappointed that the Township Committee went through and made that decision without discussing it with her who has a great deal of knowledge about the information.

MAYOR BENOWITZ: Mayor Benowitz stated for clarification that at the last meeting there were several resolutions pulled from the February 13, 2017 Agenda due to the lack of a quorum for voting: Resolutions #2017-065-17 (formerly #2017-044-19), #2017-065-18 (formerly #2017-044-20, 2017-065-20 (formerly #2017-044-17). Resolution #2017-044-11 was not needed so it was not included on this Agenda.

COMMITTEEMAN CANN: Committeeman Cann stated he was recusing himself from Resolution #2017-065-15 and from the February 14, 2017 Emergency Meeting and Closed Session.

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

AYE: Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

AGNES MARSALA, 68 Old York Road: Ms. Marsala asked several questions in regard to Resolution #2017-065-15 and the Transco Gas Pipeline legal matter. Attorney Fahey responded to each question. Mayor Benowitz said that an appeal would not have delayed the process, and the Township has limited resources and has to pick its battles. Ms. Marsala volunteered to try to raise money to delay, but Deputy Mayor Fuzy told her that the deadline had been the next day. Committeewoman Popko said that you're quantifying something, it's basically, you can you say oh, \$20,000 or \$10,000. I'm sorry but quantifying what's going on here is ridiculous. You've lost the moral highground; you've given them to say, well look they gave it to us and that's where we lose. That's where our community loses. Attorney Fahey stated that a motion to proceed is what allows them to move forward to prepare for construction, but under a condemnation proceeding, as soon as have made their deposit in the court and are

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acknowledged by the court, they have the right to use that property. Committeewoman Popko said they are on that property every day except for a 30 foot easement.

PATTY CARUSO, Upper Freehold Township: Ms. Caruso thanked Committeewoman Popko and Committeeman Cann for all of their assistance in the past in helping to fight the compressor station and pipeline. Given how instrumental Committeewoman Popko has been with all of this, it is very discouraging that her input was not valued and that she was excluded from a very important meeting.

Ms. Caruso also said it is disheartening that the Township has spent a small amount of money for legal fees and the fight has been given up. Mayor Benowitz corrected her to say the money had nothing to do with it and the Township has not given up the fight and will be able to appeal in the future. Mayor Benowitz said Committeewoman Popko was included and given the opportunity to go to the meeting. Committeewoman Popko responded, no she wasn't and made it perfectly clear the night before that she was working and was unable to attend and wanted the telephonic conference call scheduled earlier that day.

JANE KOVAK: Ms. Kovak also thanked Committeewoman Popko and Committeeman Cann. Ms. Kovak asked what transpired with the settlement on the Transco Gas Pipeline legal matter. Attorney Fahey responded that in a condemnation proceeding, if an authority has the ability to condemn, they file their papers. If they make a deposit into the court, they can move forward on their condemnation. The purpose of the settlement was, rather than if they had not settled, the hearing was the next day in court. The court would not delay and not postpone, it was going to move ahead, and it would have granted Transco's right. It would have immediately given them their right to condemnation and they could have proceeded immediately with work on the property. The agreement provides that they will not enter the property or proceed with the work until a notice of proceed is issued by FERC. So it's not on the DEP premise, but it's on the FERC notice to proceed. It delayed them acting on that property. Attorney Fahey added that there is a specific provision that says that the Township will continue and has every right to continue to oppose the project and appeal the other approvals that are necessary in order to make clear that the Township is not agreeing with them.

COMMITTEEWOMAN POPKO: Committeewoman Popko says she disagrees with that complete, that was an interesting explanation and she doesn't doubt that is the explanation that was given through Bill Harrison of Genova-Burns. In her opinion, it is a mistake to do any kind of settlement. They're going to use that property no matter what. We're not stalling anything really, that's the fact. You have a newspaper, who may be here tonight, who have the ability to say Bordentown settles, and that's going to be their argument. Oh but you settled, now you don't want us to be there. I guess the money wasn't enough. It is a major communication problem and I also think that it is a moral issue. I don't think that you settle with the devil.

BELINDA BLAZICK, 228 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road: Ms. Blazick thanked the Township Committee for all their hard work on the Transco Gas Pipeline legal matter. She said she started to get concerned when she received FERC notification about the letter indicating that Bordentown did not respond to the appeal. She thought a response was due by February 15. Attorney Fahey stated that their response isn't due until April 14th. Committeewoman Popko said we got a letter from Genova-Burns stating that they did respond by February 11, 2017.

Ms. Blazick said she agrees that the decision to go into the settlement with Transco definitely sends a message to the community, and she agrees it will probably be published and she thinks it is a win for Transco. If this gets out into the community, people stop fighting and that's what Transco wants.

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Transco is putting out false information that this is safe and it is not. This is not clean, reliable, safe energy. The transmission pipelines do not belong 25-150 ft. in front of homes. A compressor station does not belong in the middle of a community. She said she is very upset and disappointed about this decision.

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

AYE: Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, pulling bill list P.O. 16-01898 for further research and P.O. 17-00233, as amended; and pulling the January 23, 2017 minutes from Resolution #2017-065-12; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Cann with recusal from Resolution #2017-065-15, with abstention from the February 13, 2017 Regular and Closed meeting minutes, and abstention from the February 14, 2017 Emergency Meeting and Closed Session; Committeeman Holliday with abstention from the February 13, 2017 Regular and Closed meeting minutes; Committeewoman Popko, but no to Resolution #2017-065-15 and abstention to the February 14, 2017 Emergency Meeting, Deputy Mayor Fuzy with abstention from the February 13, 2017 Regular and Closed meeting minutes, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2017-5 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #2016-8 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TITLES AND SALARY RANGES FOR PERMANENT AND PROVISIONAL EMPLOYEES.

At this time, Committeeman Cann made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2017-5: seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be March 27th.

Township Committee discussion Advertising for Community Events.

Mayor Benowitz said that a cost sheet was provided to the Township Committee at the January 23, 2017 meeting, and stated there is money in the budget for this. Deputy Mayor Fuzy said that due to the zip code issue, not all residents are mailed the edition, so The Current is working on putting a drop box at the entrance of the Bywater neighborhood. Committeewoman Popko said she called them and they now deliver directly to her home. Mayor Benowitz wants to make sure all the residents get the

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newspaper. A decision was made to proceed with black and white, full page advertisements in The Current from April to December, 2017.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to proceed with black and white, full page advertisements in The Current for April through December 2017; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Township Committee discussion Burlington County Request for Authorization to Conduct Aerial Larval/Adult Mosquito Control Activities.

Mayor Benowitz stated that the larvacide chemical is same as its always been since 2013, and has been rejected since 2013. Committeeman Cann said the chemicals used do not do what they are supposed to. Burlington County fails to acknowledge that it doesn't do what they say it does, and he feels they are deceiving people. Studies show that continuous use of Abate becomes ineffective, and all you're doing is killing other good things. Township Clerk Eckert will respond to Burlington County.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to not approve the aerial spraying for the Township of Bordentown; seconded by Committeeman Cann.

AYE: Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

COMMITTEEMAN CANN: Committeeman Cann said the Sewerage Authority will be sending a resolution opposing the compressor station and pipeline.

A new retail operation has expressed interest in coming to Bordentown Township. Preliminary discussions are being scheduled.

An Affordable Housing meeting is scheduled for this week.

The Community Development Department is still not current on escrow collections. Progress is being made.

COMMITTEEMAN HOLLIDAY: Committeeman Holliday said he attended the Mission Firehouse District #1 and Derby Fire Company District #2 meetings and gave a summary of what was discussed. Their 2017 budgets passed.

On February 16, 2017, Emergency Management Coordinator Andy Law held a meeting and they did a site visit to the Orchard Avenue Culvert in the Glen. Bordentown Police, the Fire Marshalls of District #1 & #2, EMS, Public Service, Verizon, Comcast, Water and Sewer Departments, and the State OEM all attended. The project should begin this summer. Mayor Benowitz said the 10% match by the Township has already been achieved.

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Acting Chief Pesce is attending a new police chief orientation. The oral test is scheduled for December. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the N.J. Division of Highway Traffic Safety have asked our Police Department for the DWI and DUI figures for 2016. The names of the three highest officers with arrests were submitted to the MADD and they will be honored at the upcoming breakfast ceremony. Committeeman Holliday cited some other recent Police activities.

The Veteran's Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2017 and the Planning Board meeting will be March 9, 2017.

COMMITTEEWOMAN POPKO: In regard to the Public Works Department, Committeewoman Popko said they are rebuilding the drain behind Van Drive. The Emergency patches are complete on Dunns Mill Road. We've had a much smaller snow budget due to the mild winter. With the high winds in the past week, there has been a lot of need for tree clean-up and sign replacements. They've been lettering new police cars, vehicle maintenance, roto-tilling the soccer fields, and cleaning storm drains and retention basins.

COMMITTEEMAN CANN: Committeeman Cann asked CFO Kocian if there were still funds available in escrow from the settlement with Orleans that can be used to pay for the cleaning of the retention basins. CFO Kocian responded that he did not know.

COMMITTEEWOMAN POPKO (continued): There are two positions that need to be replaced in the Public Works Department.

In regard to the Board of Education, she requested some information from Eloi Richardson on the Fair Share. She requested to find out if the Chris Christie Fair Share the schools goes through, its probably 90 days now instead of 100 days, how much we are looking at for the funding for our local school. The legislators have 90 day to come up with a difference formula, but under Christy's formula right now, it seems we would possibly get an increase of 15.7%, but it hasn't gone through the legislature yet so that is something interesting. It is unfortunate that the Board of Education hasn't bothered to look into this. The Finance Committee had their report and they are looking at not going over the CAP and stay within the 2% CAP this year; but, they are looking at the possibility of an average of a 10% health insurance increase. That can be worse if the Affordable Care Act goes belly up. They aren't exactly sure, but they know its going to be somewhere between a 5% and 15% increase. Because they did a debt service reduction, there will be tax relief to the taxpayers this year. They are looking at a \$200,000 disbursement for the 4 sending towns, so we're looking at possibly .0010 of a cent.

She spoke with Assemblyman Troy Singleton to a number of residents about how to get involved and how to influence legislators and elected representatives. It was a really nice night. She learned as much as she taught.

Committeewoman Popko went to the Pinelands Commission in which the vote came down 10-5; we lost to the Pipeline and NJNG. It is going to court now. There were over 1,000 people in the audience opposing this project. It is a shame that the jewel of the eastern seaboard will be having this kind of development through it and destroying the eco-system. She and many others spoke out.

DEPUTY MAYOR FUZY: Deputy Mayor Fuzy said he attended three classes pertaining to the budget and ethics.

On February 7, 2017, he attended the Veteran's Advisory Committee where they discussed becoming a 501C non-profit, and he informed them of the Township's Cash Management Plan. They made a punchlist to create a more user friendly Township webpage for residents. Committeewoman Popko asked if they knew that they can't have a 501C. She said they are currently getting funds from

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taxpayers right now. Monies raised through fundraisers have to be placed in a separate trust for a particular use. CFO Kocian said he knows nothing about a 501C. Committeewoman Popko said if they want to do that, they can set up friends, and they can't be a part of that. The people who are part of the Veteran's Committee, they can do a liaison to it. Committeeman Cann said that accounts were set up so they can do fundraisers, and that was the only way we could do it because they can't do it themselves.

On February 21, 2017, he attended the Environmental Commission Meeting. Emergency Management Coordinator Andy Law gave a presentation on local artifact sites and historic sites in the Township. The Environmental Commission is looking into getting free trees to give away through the State program.

Deputy Mayor Fuzy said Bordentown Township is splitting the cost with surrounding communities for a Road Show scheduled for March 28, 2017 at Carslake Community Center. Committeewoman Popko stated that Bordentown City is advertising for the event which is about ANJEC and the Pipeline, but there is no mention about any other community. She wants Bordentown Township residents know through social media, etc., that we are also part of it. Deputy Mayor Fuzy said Chesterfield Township informed him that it is possibly geared towards politicians and helping you prepare and we are already two years into this, a little late, so we may not even be participating in this. We're hoping to get them to change it so it is more geared towards the public. Environmental Commission Chairman Roger Plew will be following up.

He met with Acting Police Chief Pesce regarding the Police Department website. They will be working together to make their website more user friendly for residents, add state statute required information that has been lacking, and add a police blotter.

MAYOR BENOWITZ: On February 14, 2017, a meeting was held with the Bordentown Waterfront. The Financial Agreements and Bonding were discussed. A presentation to the Township Committee will follow.

He toured the Capital Health Facility in Hopewell with the President and CEO. They want to continue to build a stronger relationship with our community.

On February 20, 2017, he attended the Sr. Citizens' Social Meeting and attended today's Business Meeting.

He attended the 4th Annual Black History Month Ceremony at Bordentown Regional High School.

March 2, 2017, he attended another budget meeting with Interim Administrator George Haeuber, CFO Kocian, and the Auditor. The Department Head Budget meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., with budget Introduction scheduled for March 27, 2017.

The second Township safety tour was completed on March 2, 2017, with Acting Police Chief Pesce and Township Engineer Turek.

He continues to meet with Department Heads on a regular basis.

He attended the February 24, 2017 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the SAAJ Development Project/Holiday Inn Express.

There was an in-house meeting regarding the settlement conference for K. Johnson U.R. financial agreement and other matters with Attorney Fahey, Attorney Harrison, Tax Collector Jeffrey Elsasser, and Tax Assessor Eileen Carlos, Deputy Mayor Fuzy and himself. Another meeting will be scheduled.

He attended the March 4, 2017, Arrow of Light and Blue Gold Dinner for the Cub Scouts Pack #65 at the Bordentown Elks.

He attended the 100th birthday party for Katherine Molis and presented the Proclamation to her.

On February 23, 2017, he was the speaker at the Northern Burlington Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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Mayor Benowitz made a statement regarding how quickly the building of the new Public Works Recycling Center is progressing.

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

AYE: Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

ANGEL RAMOS, JR., 127 Carmen Avenue: Mr. Ramos stated that he and his home has been harassed and vandalized, and say it is the same individual who has been in and out of prison. This individual has been bullying the neighborhood for 30 years. Mayor Benowitz said he will speak with Acting Police Chief Pesce.

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

AYE: Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

COMMITTEEWOMAN POPKO: Committeewoman Popko said she was informed that none of the zoysia grass plugs planted on Mr. Seaman's property on Arlington Road took, and the grass has turned into mud.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to re-open the meeting for public participation; seconded by Committeeman Cann.

AYE: Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

LEN de GROOT, 8 Arlington Road: Mr. de Groot said Mr. Tom Seaman on 18 Arlington Road asked him to speak on his behalf regarding his grass. Mayor Benowitz said he will contact P.W. Director Buhner to see if the Public Works Department can rectify the situation.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to re-close the meeting for public participation; seconded by Committeeman Cann.

AYE: Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

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NAY: None

At this time, Committeeman Holliday 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 Cann.

AYE: Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.

STEPHEN BENOWITZ, MAYOR

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, TOWNSHIP CLERK