

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 3, 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 Eric Holliday (via telephone at 8:04 pm)
Committeewoman Jill Popko
Interim Administrator George Haeuber
Township Clerk Colleen Eckert
Attorney Eileen Fahey
Chief Financial Officer David Kocian

ABSENT: Committeeman James Cann
Public Works Director Dean Buhrer

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Mayor Benowitz announced that there was an emergency, a train derailment, and Committeeman Holliday would not be attending tonight's meeting in person.

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 March 17, 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, Committeewoman Popko 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:

1. Environmental Litigation Matters: Transco Compressor Station
SRL Pipeline
NJNG
Elcon Hazardous Waste Facility
2. Kevin Johnson Redevelopment Contract Matter.
3. Shared Services Contract Matter: Municipal Court and Bordentown EMS.

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4. Appraisal Professional Services Contract Matter.
5. Attorney-Client Privilege Matter: Township Committee Procedures.

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 Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

AYE: Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Cann

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 7:09 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:08 pm.

8:08 PM -- COMMITTEEMAN HOLLIDAY JOINED THE MEETING.

Resolution #2017-093-6 entitled INTRODUCTION OF 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Mayor Benowitz read the resolution by title into the record.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-093-6; seconded by Committeewoman Popko.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be May 8th.

Township Committee discussion with Attorney Harrison regarding Transco Matters.

Attorney Harrison said that mid-March the N.J. DEP issued the Freshwater Wetlands Permit, the Water Quality Certificate, and a day or two later, the De-Watering Permits for the Compressor Station and related development on the property. FERC issued the notice to proceed, which they were waiting until the N.J. DEP issued the permits. On behalf of the Township, he requested a judicatory hearing from N.J. DEP challenging the permits that were issued, saying that they did not comply with the Freshwater Wetlands Regulations or the Regulations concerning Water Quality Certificates because Bordentown Township owns one of the lots that is subject to the permits. By statute, Bordentown Township is entitled to a judicatory hearing. Under the Administrative Procedure Act, there is a hearing before the Office of Administrative Law; an initial decision is issued and then the Commissioner issues a final decision and

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that final decision is what gets appealed to the Courts. His position is no final decision has been taken. As part of that appeal, they requested a stay of the N.J. DEP permit. Once FERC issued its notice to proceed, they requested that FERC issue a stay of that decision pointing out that no final agency action had been taken based on Bordentown's request for a judicatory hearing. Chesterfield has joined in all of the actions before FERC. A member of the Environmental Community, Dr. Davito, went out and identified migratory birds being present on the property. This information was provided to both N.J. DEP and FERC in support of their request for a stay. Transco went out the next day and said they found no migratory birds. The Federal Fish and Wildlife Service is not taking any action. The other part that was sent to both N.J. DEP and FERC after Transco filed papers opposing our request for a stay. Two weeks ago the first Circuit Court of Appeals in a virtually identical situation ruled that no final agency was taken by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection because there was a request for a judicatory administrative hearing there and that until that process was done, there was no final agency action. Their process is identical to the process at N.J. DEP, so that information was provided to N.J. DEP and FERC in opposition.

COMMITTEEWOMAN POPKO: Committeewoman Popko asked if migratory birds were found at the location by the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service. Mr. Harrison responded no, they did not go out to the property, they relied on the information that was provided to them.

Committeewoman Popko also said that activists were at the property protesting and filmed the taking down of trees and shrubs by the road in which limbs were flying across the road; there were no safety precautions. She asked who is responsible for making sure that what they are doing is safely done. Mr. Harrison responded that since it's a County road, it is regulated by OSHA.

Committeewoman Popko asked, now that the trees and brush have been removed, does that render the argument moot at this point about getting a stay. Attorney Harrison responded no, the reason he originally requested the stay was because of the destruction of wetlands that will occur by their building the facility and that remains an issue. The migratory bird issue happened last minute. The initial reason he went for the stay remains that he thinks they will prevail and if they are allowed to go ahead, the wetlands will be destroyed.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to open to the public; seconded by Committeewoman Popko.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

ROGER SCHNEIDER, 93 Charles Bossert Drive: Mr. Schneider said he received a letter from the N.J. DEP regarding the Transco problem. Then he read in the newspaper that the trees would be cut down at that project. Mr. Harrison responded that they received the required permits from N.J. DEP which have been appealed and a stay has been requested. The N.J. DEP has not acted on that stay. Legally they could go forward but he is doing everything possible by filing additional information. Mr. Schneider also expressed concern about the traffic that drives by his home.

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LEN de GROOT, 8 Arlington Road: Mr. de Groot said he feels that TRANSCO has not been forthcoming to answer the questions posed by the residents.

Mayor Benowitz said there are four agencies involved: FERC, BPU, Pinelands Commission, and the N.J. DEP. Committeewoman Popko added that John Gray has said that the N.J. DEP has never said no to a pipeline and Tom MacArthur has said all of this gas is going to be shipped out abroad; we don't get any of it and it has nothing to do with heating our homes or lighting your stove. It's passing through here and putting industrial infrastructure in a suburban rural area.

Mayor's Proclamation Recognizing Women's History Month.

Mayor Benowitz read the Proclamation into the record.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert announced that there was an addendum adding Resolutions #2017-093-32A and #2017-093-32B. As a result of Closed Session, Resolution 2017-093-32C is being added to the Consent Agenda. There were two revised Shared Service Agreements given to the Township Committee members. A piece of correspondence is being added to Resolution #2017-093-11 regarding the 2016 Safety Incentive Program Awards; the Township received \$2,275.00 towards the employees' safety accomplishments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2017-093-10 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2017-093-11 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS, FILING OF REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Resolution #2017-093-12 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2017-093-13 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2017-093-14 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2017-093-15 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2017-093-16 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.

Resolution #2017-093-17 entitled A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES.

Resolution #2017-093-18 entitled A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES.

Resolution #2017-093-19 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

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Resolution #2017-093-20 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2017-093-21 entitled REFUND OF ESCROW BALANCES FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS.

Resolution #2017-093-22 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE TERM OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BORDENTOWN CITY, MANSFIELD, CHESTERFIELD, NORTH HANOVER AND SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIPS CONCERNING EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS.

Resolution #2017-093-23 entitled A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO EARLE ASPHALT FOR THE DUNNS MILL ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT.

Resolution #2017-093-24 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE BORDENTOWN REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY AND PARKING LOT RESURFACING PROJECT.

Resolution #2017-093-25 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET.

Resolution #2017-093-26 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Resolution #2017-093-27 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BURLINGTON COUNTY FOR COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974.

Resolution #2017-093-28 entitled AMEND EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECT, DUNNS MILL ROAD, WITH RICHARD T. BARRETT PAVING COMPANY – CHANGE ORDER NO. 1.

Resolution #2017-093-29 entitled APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE.

Resolution #2017-093-30 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PART-TIME (PER DIEM) EMT'S.

Resolution #2017-093-31 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE (LESO) 1033 PROGRAM.

Resolution #2017-093-32 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR POLICE CAR LETTERING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AND CITY OF BORDENTOWN.

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Resolution #2017-093-32A entitled AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH W.W. GRAINGER, INC., REGARDING NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FEES.

Resolution #2017-093-32B entitled AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY ACCESS EASEMENT FOR ORCHARD AVENUE CULVERT PROJECT.

Resolution #2017-093-32C entitled RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR BLOCK 92.01, LOT 18 WITH J. McHALE & ASSOCIATES, LLC.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2017-093-10 through #2017-093-32C. Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, and Mayor Benowitz commented/asked questions on the Consent Agenda.

Resolution #2017-093-10. Mayor Benowitz asked if in the future, a capital improvement be purchased and expended in the same year.

Resolution #2017-093-11. Committeewoman Popko cited a typographical error in the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2017. Township Clerk Eckert will amend them.

Committeewoman Popko asked that the January 23, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes be pulled. She had informed Township Clerk Eckert which conversation she wanted to be included in the minutes. Mayor Benowitz and Deputy Mayor Fuzy cited a typographical error in the Regular Meeting Minutes of the January 23, 2017. Township Clerk Eckert will amend them.

Resolution #2017-093-31. Committeewoman Popko asked that this Resolution be pulled because it does not specify how the Township will be participating/what the Township will be getting from the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) with specifics. She encouraged the entire Committee to vote no until more information is received from Acting Chief Pesce. Committeewoman Popko was concerned that our community does not need to be militarized. Administrator Haeuber said there needs to be a resolution to look at the items first, then resolutions would be created for items they wish to purchase. Mayor Benowitz suggested pulling the resolution until the next meeting and so more information could be obtained.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, excluding Resolution #2017-093-31 and the Regular Minutes of January 23, 2017 with corrections; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

COMMITTEEWOMAN POPKO: Committeewoman Popko stated that the Township Committee was not provided with the Public Works Capital Budget at the Budget Meeting held on March 25, 2017.

Consideration of Re-Introduction of Ordinance #2017-3 entitled CALENDAR YEAR 2017 “CAP” ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).

At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2017-3; seconded by Committeewoman Popko.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be April 24th.

Public Hearing on Ordinance #2017-4 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AMENDING CHAPTER 5.24 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN WITH RESPECT TO BINGO AND RAFFLE LICENSES.

At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-4; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

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NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

Seeing no public comment, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-4; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance #2017-4 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AMENDING CHAPTER 5.24 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN WITH RESPECT TO BINGO AND RAFFLE LICENSES.

At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2017-4; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

Public Hearing on 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, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-5; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

Seeing no public comment, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-5; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

Consideration of Adoption 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, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2017-5; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2017-6 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO REPAIR AND RESTORE THE CULVERT UNDER ORCHARD AVENUE AT GLEN ROAD AND RELATED EXPENSES AND APPROPRIATING \$775,000 FOR SAID PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$737,500 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION OF THE GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OF \$651,168 TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF OBLIGATIONS INCURRED OR TO REPAY THE OBLIGATIONS INCURRED; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2017-6: seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be April 24th.

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2017-7 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, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2017-7: seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be April 24th.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

COMMITTEEMAN HOLLIDAY: Committeeman Holliday stated he would make his report at the next Township Committee Meeting.

COMMITTEEWOMAN POPKO: Committeewoman Popko said she attended the School Board Meeting, where she was the only person in the audience. She is waiting to see what their budget will be. She inquired about the low scores of their Parks testing; they did not have a response.

She has been calling the N.J. DEP and legislators regularly, and was in a conference call with Assemblyman Herb Conaway, State Senator Diane Allen, and representatives from the N.J. DEP where she begged them to go out and stop the trees from being taken down at the Transco Pipeline site. The N.J. DEPs response was that it was not their purview, it was the purview of FERC. She added that natural gas has been found by a number of studies by the finest universities that it puts more than 40% of greenhouse gases than coal or oil. Funds need to be placed in green energy infrastructure because global warming is real.

Committeewoman Popko said she asked P.W. Director Buhner for a cost analysis of what has been spent on the trails at the Northern Community Park so the status of the two-year grant could be obtained. Signs still need to be made. CFO Kocian said P.W. Director Buhner should send him the bills. Mulch has been put down at Northern Community Park and Joseph Lawrence Park. The oil tanks have been removed and construction will begin at the Public Works building. Public Works will shortly be able to take oil, anti-freeze, and oil filters, but the Township will have to pay to get rid of it; residents (only) will have to show I.D. This will also pertain to paint, pesticides, and household hazardous waste, as well as tires. Committeewoman Popko asked what funds are available to hire seasonal workers; they will check with P.W. Director Buhner. Township Clerk Eckert stated that the seasonal workers are in the Public Works Operating Budget.

MAYOR BENOWITZ: Mayor Benowitz said he met with Chris Nunn, Chairman of the Foundation for Bordentown Traditions, and said they'd like to hold the July 4th Fireworks on Friday, June 30, 2017; raindate July 7, 2017. The insurance is being handled by the Foundation for Bordentown Traditions. The dates have been confirmed with Pyrotechnics. The resolution with agreement will be listed on the April 24, 2017 meeting Agenda.

COMMITTEEWOMAN POPKO (continued): Committeewoman Popko said the MOA at Northern Community Park needs to be discussed. The grant was for the trail. Abbott Marshland and Coalition and Friends of the Marsh are requesting that the trail be extended to Crosswicks Creek. It is up to the Township Committee to make a decision of whether the Township wants to take on the MOA for that from the State. Public Works would then be responsible for taking care of it. Attorney Fahey said she would have to see what is proposed in the agreement if the Township Committee wants to move

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ahead on it. Mayor Benowitz said Attorney Fahey should look into it and it be discussed at the next meeting. Committeewoman Popko said the grant would cover this.

She said she sent Engineer Fred Turek to check on the zoysia grass at Mr. Seaman's property on Arlington Road. Mr. Turek said that 6 out of the 7 plugs he pulled were live, they just haven't developed. Mayor Benowitz said that the contractor has not yet paid.

DEPUTY MAYOR FUZY: On March 3, 2017, Deputy Mayor Fuzy attended the Veteran's Advisory Committee Meeting with Committeeman Holliday. They discussed Memorial Day plans, funding, and their website.

On March 21, 2017, he attended the Environmental Commission Meeting where he updated them on ELCON and the Township's eagerness to get as many municipalities involved in opposition. The Environmental Commission will be receiving 250 (5 species) of free trees this year from the State. They will be available on Saturdays 1:00-4:00 pm, beginning April 7, 2017 at the Public Works Building. Information will be on the website.

Deputy Mayor Fuzy said the Environmental Commission also discussed the geese at the Northern Community Park pond and that Bordentown Township is one of the few towns that are not a tree city. He will provide the Township Committee with information on this.

On Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a clean-up scheduled at Northern Community Park.

On March 28, 2017, he attended the ANJEC (Association of New Jersey Environmental Commission's Forum on the Pipeline in our Garden State). Mr. Harrison reviewed the information that was discussed earlier in the meeting. May 8, 2017 is the deadline for comments about the Pipeline going through the joint base. He will post the email address on our website of where comments are to be directed to.

On April 1, 2017, he and his niece delivered The Current to all the residents in the Bywater area. The Current is placing two drop boxes in that area.

On April 2, 2017, he attended the Green Fair workshop and they have a few requests. They would like the EMS (electronic sign) to be used to announce the Green Fair. The Green Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 11:00-3:00 pm in the Village Square Park in Chesterfield Township. Deputy Mayor Fuzy will email this information to Acting Administrator Haeuber.

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 10:00 am, with registration beginning at 9:30 am.

MAYOR BENOWITZ: On March 9, 2017, he attended the Planning Board meeting. Two resolutions were passed. 1) Amending the Southern Gateway Redevelopment Ordinance, and 2) Reporting the Planning Board's recommendations to the Township Committee on Ordinance 2017-2. A brief discussion was held on the Re-examination of the Master Plan, which is due by July 2018.

On March 14, 2017, he attended the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting.

During the month of March, Acting Administrator Haeuber and he conducted initial interviews for the Township Administrator. The Township Committee met on April 1, 2017 in order to further the process of securing a new Administrator.

He attended three meetings regarding Affordable Housing. Progress is being made in coming to plans that could satisfy the Township's Affordable Housing requirements.

On March 22, 2017, Township Engineer Fred Turek and he attended the Meadow Run HOA meeting.

On March 17, 2017, there was a ribbon cutting ceremony held for the Creamery.

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He attended a BRAD (Bordentown Residents Against Drugs) meeting on March 23, 2017 to determine the future involvement of the Township.

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

They will continue to implement the findings of the safety tours of the Township (signage, making streets and roads safer for our children, etc.) as the year continues.

Today he attended the Sr. Citizens' Business Meeting.

On March 30, 2017, there was a meeting regarding the implementation of the Road Program with the Township Engineer Fred Turek and Alt. Township Engineer CME. Milling and overlaying will begin on 10 roads in April. A list of the roads is on the Township Website. CME have delivered flyers to the residents that are impacted. Posting of signage is on each street, as well. In May, 8 additional roads will be micro-surfaced.

DEPUTY MAYOR FUZY (continued): The Police Department Personnel are now rostered on the Township's Website and now residents can call and email them directly.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to open the meeting for public participation; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

TOM SEAMAN, 18 Arlington Road: Mr. Seaman said he had pictures of his property that showed ruts and dirt that has been lost from erosion. He said he's been living in a weed field for 1 ½ years and now a swamp and wants his yard back. In the future, he would like to know when people come out to look at his property. Mayor Benowitz asked him that if the zoysia grass does not grow, would he be happy with sod or the Township's Public Works Department fixing it. Mr. Seaman responded, yes. Mayor Benowitz said it will be resolved as quickly as possible, and he would tell Township Engineer Turek to call him.

LEN de GROOT, 8 Arlington Road: Mr. de Groot said that since the same contractor/landscaper who tried to correct the problem the first two times failed, why can't the Township take over and fix the problem and have it completed before the end of April. Mayor Benowitz and the Township Committee agreed to have the Township's Public Works Department fix the problem.

AL BERNOTAS, 76 Groveville Road: Mr. Bernotas asked if the motor oil removal disposed of at the Public Works Recycling Center would be paid by the Township residents or would a contractor pay the Township? Committeewoman Popko said that right now the Township would have to pay, but there are questions out about it with different companies. Mr. Bernotas said that Advanced Auto Parts takes back the used oil if it was purchased there. This is the same for tires and automotive batteries.

ROGER SCHNEIDER, 93 Charles Bossert Drive: Mr. Schneider said that in September 2014, he spoke with Mayor Benowitz and (former) Police Chief Nucera about the increased traffic on Route 528

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near the bike/walking path. Speeding and passing on the right is still occurring. Mayor Benowitz responded that increased patrol can be done, but it is a County road.

DIANE HEINZ, 3 Hattaras Court: Ms. Heinz asked about striping of the fire lanes at Williamsburg Village. Mayor Benowitz said that he is working on trying to resolve this issue as soon as possible, and he will be following up with the Township Engineer and Township Attorney. He will have additional information for her on Wednesday.

At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to close the meeting for public participation; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

COMMITTEEWOMAN POPKO: Committeewoman Popko said her conference call was with Herb Conaway, not Troy Singleton. (In the Township Committee and Staff Report)

At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that it does hereby recess the regular meeting to meet in Closed Session; seconded by Committeewoman Popko.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Cann

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 10:00 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:18 pm.

At this time, Committeewoman Popko 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 Fuzy.

AYE: Committeewoman Popko, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

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ABSENT: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Cann

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 10:18 p.m.

STEPHEN BENEWITZ, MAYOR

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, TOWNSHIP CLERK