

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 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
Administrator Michael Theokas
Township Clerk Colleen Eckert
Attorney Eileen Fahey
Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Elsasser

ABSENT: None

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence. He announced that the moment of silence is being dedicated to the September 21, 2017 International Day of Peace with this year's theme being, "together for peace, respect safety and dignity for all."

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 11, 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, Deputy Mayor Fuzy 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. Construction/Community Development Office Personnel Matters.
2. Public Works Expansion Project (Environmental).
3. Verizon ROW Consent Agreement Contract Matter.
4. Affordable Housing Contract Matters.
5. Kevin Johnson Litigation Matter.
6. Environmental Litigation: NJNG Pipeline.

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.

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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 7:11 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:49 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert announced that there is an Addendum to the Consent Agenda adding Resolutions #2017-268-20A and #2017-268-20B, and an amendment to the bill list for payment of \$776.31 to CIT Technology. In addition, as a result of Closed Session, Resolutions #2017-268-20C, #2017-268-20D, and #2017-268-20E are being added.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2017-268-7 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2017-268-8 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.

Resolution #2017-268-9 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.

Resolution #2017-268-10 entitled REFUND OF ESCROW BALANCES FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS.

Resolution #2017-268-11 entitled A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES.

Resolution #2017-268-12 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2017-268-13 entitled RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND THE 2% CAP ON POLICE AND FIRE ARBITRATION CONTRACT AWARDS. (PULLED).

Resolution #2017-268-14 entitled RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS REGARDING THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AND OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT.

Resolution #2017-268-15 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PART-TIME (PER DIEM) EMT.

Resolution #2017-268-16 entitled RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR CENTRAL CROSSINGS BUSINESS PARK, LLC, CLEAR/EXCAVATE/RESTORE GUARANTEE HEDDING ROAD, BLOCK 138.12.

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Resolution #2017-268-17 entitled A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE SIDE REMEDIATION FUND PUBLIC ENTITY PROGRAM THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Resolution #2017-268-18 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXCEL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, INC., TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR REMEDIAL ACTION AT BORDENTOWN WATERFRONT COMMUNITY, BLOCK 140, LOTS 1-3, 5.01, 5.02, 10-16, 18 & 19 AND BLOCK 141, LOT 4.

Resolution #2017-268-19 entitled APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Resolution #2017-268-20 entitled RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINES IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Resolution #2017-268-20A entitled AUTHORIZE FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROJECT FINANCE AGREEMENT WITH BORDENTOWN WATERFRONT COMMUNITY, L.L.C. DATED AUGUST 8, 2011.

Resolution #2017-268-20B entitled AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PHASE 2B OF THE WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Resolution #2017-268-20C entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LLC, FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS EXPANSION PROJECT – 262 CROSSWICKS ROAD PROJECT, VAPOR INTRUSION MITIGATION PLAN DESIGN AND SYSTEM MITIGATION INSTALLATION.

Resolution #2017-268-20D entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BORDENTOWN DEVELOPMENT CO., LLC (BCD).

Resolution #2017-268-20E entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AND VOADV PROPERTY, INC. RELATING TO BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2017-268-7 through #2017-268-20E, excluding Resolution #2017-268-13. Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, and Committeewoman Popko commented/asked questions on the Consent Agenda.

Resolution #2017-268-8: Committeeman Cann asked CFO Elsasser if the Township was generating enough income with Shared Services to warrant making the part-time Animal Control Officer a full-time employee. CFO Elsasser will make a determination and will advise Committeeman Cann.

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Administrator Theokas said there may be a problem with the part-time ACO's schedule, and this needs to be confirmed.

COMMITTEEMAN CANN: Committeeman Cann asked when the Township Committee would be receiving reports from the Public Works Department generated from their new inventory software package; specifically, whether or not it is worth putting money into older vehicles or if the Township should purchase new vehicles. Committeewoman Popko said it has been two years and that the data processing/inputting of material has been ongoing.

Resolution #2017-268-13. Committeeman Holliday inquired about this resolution. Administrator Theokas said this came from the League of Municipalities and is about a portion of the interest arbitration. The legislation is sunseting in December and it is a good tool for contract negotiations and helps keep our budgets in order. Committeeman Holliday said he was not in agreement of this resolution at this time because they won't be able to negotiate openly and the costs of living increase could be taken away from them. They are putting together a committee to look at this 2% for the municipalities.

The Township Committee agreed to pull Resolution #2017-268-13 so it could be amended to state that the increment would not be impacted in any way. Administrator Theokas will make the amendment and the amended resolution will be placed on the October 16, 2017 Agenda.

Resolution #2017-268-14. Committeewoman Popko stated she will be voting no to this resolution because taxpayers need more transparency. She thinks that all information should be online for the people. Committeeman Cann responded that unfortunately the Clerk's office bears the burden of making paper copies at a minimal charge and receive a lot of voluminous, frivolous requests and this is costing the taxpayer's money.

At this time, Committeeman Cann 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

LANA SMITH, Food and Water Watch: In regard to 2017-268-20, Ms. Smith is urging the Township Committee to pass this resolution. The County Freeholders in Middlesex County are also facing pipeline infrastructure projects similar to the ones Bordentown Township is facing and have proposed that this infrastructure to be moved to less populated areas. In reality, oil and gas infrastructure across the state should be stopped and we should be building a renewable energy future.

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

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At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, excluding Resolution #2017-268-13; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Cann, Committeeman Holliday, Committeewoman Popko with a no to Resolution #2017-268-14, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

Public Hearing on Ordinance #2017-17 entitled TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-17; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

Seeing no public comment, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-17; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance #2017-17 entitled TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2017-17; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

Public Hearing on Ordinance #2017-18 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AMENDING CHAPTER 25, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, TO MODIFY THE STANDARDS FOR FENCES, SWIMMING POOLS, AND RESIDENTIAL GARAGES AND SHEDS.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-18; seconded by Committeeman Cann.

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

NAY: None

Seeing no public comment, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-18; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance #2017-18 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AMENDING CHAPTER 25, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, TO MODIFY THE STANDARDS FOR FENCES, SWIMMING POOLS AND RESIDENTIAL GARAGES AND SHEDS.

COMMITTEEWOMAN POPKO: Committeewoman Popko said that she spoke to some members of the sub-committee established to make recommendations to amend the ordinance, and they did not feel that some of the recommendations were listened to, and there was a bit of disruption when this was put together with leave by an employee who returned and left again. And she said she was concerned that this may have been thrown together just to get it done rather than actually taking the time and putting something that would be more promising for our community. She said she had no specific complaints other than the size of the sheds, but she thinks there were some complaints about the fencing issue with this ordinance and that it wasn't necessarily resolved by the sub-committee.

MAYOR BENOWITZ: Mayor Benowitz stated that he is on the Planning Board and it was unanimous for recommendation for approval when it came back to the Township Committee. The members of the sub-committee were from the Planning Board.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2017-18; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: Committeewoman Popko

Public Hearing on Ordinance #2017-24 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.

MAYOR BENOWITZ: Mayor Benowitz explained that this was done by the Department of UCC to bring the code up to N.J. DCA standards. The changes in the ordinance were outlined in red.

At this time, Committeewoman Popko made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-24; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

Seeing no public comment, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2017-24; seconded by Committeeman Cann.

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

NAY: None

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance #2017-24 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.

At this time, Committeeman Cann made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2017-24; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

Consideration of Re-Introduction of Ordinance #2017-19 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING \$1,450,000 FOR SAID PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,380,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

MAYOR BENEWITZ: Mayor Benowitz stated that this ordinance is for the Township's 2017 Road Program and will include a drainage program for Bonnie Lane.

At this time, Committeeman Cann made a motion to re-introduce Ordinance #2017-19; 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 October 16th.

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2017-25 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 10.04.020, PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING, AND SECTION 10.04.030, HEAVY VEHICLES – EXCLUSIONS, OF THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP CODE.

MAYOR BENOWITZ: Mayor Benowitz explained that this ordinance pertains to public safety on the roads and Bordentown-Hedding Road which has a 4 ton limit.

At this time, Committeeman Cann made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2017-25: seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be October 16th.

ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Theokas said that the Township has begun the Master Plan review process. Information will be posted on our website, social media, and on flyers about the public meetings which will be held on October 17 and 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Senior Center. The meeting will be run by our (Special Projects) Planner, Heyer Gruel and Associates.

P.W. Director Buhner and he had a very productive meeting last week with representatives from CME Engineering, Earle Asphalt, APS Asphalt, etc. in regards to the 2016 Road Re-paving Plan and Micro-surfacing. They went on site and pointed out to them several of the spots in the Township that were sub-standard. A plan was put together for them to fix and mitigate the issues the Township was concerned with. He will keep the Township Committee updated.

Administrator Theokas thanked Angel Sauro for all her work she did for Community Day which was held on September 16, 2017. It was a great success.

The Haunted Hayride is scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2017. There will be some changes due to the work going on and advertising of the event will begin very soon.

October 9, 2017 is Columbus Day and Town Hall will be closed. The next (and only) Committee Meeting in October is scheduled for October 16, 2017.

There will be an ordinance coming up at a future meeting concerning the way cars can be parked on lots of businesses that perform car repair.

Administrator Theokas attended his first meeting as the Township's JIF Representative. A JIF Wellness Program for the Staff is being worked on.

In regard to the earlier discussion regarding documents and OPRA. He met with a document scanning company, and he is trying to obtain some information. It is expensive, but may be worth the investment. In one case, the Township may have to join a purchasing co-op, the Educational Professional Services Co-op (EPSC). Administrator Theokas will provide more information at a later time.

At a previous meeting there was discussion about Crosswicks Road traffic and pedestrian safety. He received a message from Acting Chief Pesce: "In partnership with the Burlington County Traffic Engineer's Office, we will be enhancing safety at the Crosswicks Road/Charles Bossert Drive pedestrian crossing. These enhancements will include the installation of dynamic speed signs in both directions, a no passing on

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shoulder sign on the east-bound shoulder, new look signs, and push buttons on the crosswalk pavement, some new painting, and some new flashing signage to enhance safety. This is with thanks and cooperation from Burlington County.”

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEEMAN CANN: Committeeman Cann said the Arby’s project at the Petro is nearing completion and should be opening soon. DCT Midline, LLC has purchased the Trammel Crow site where in 2007 an approval was given for a 440,000 sq. ft. warehouse. It has contracted out work for the pump station and the sewer line. A pre-construction meeting was recently held. A second developer is getting close to putting forth an application in the Southern Gateway Redevelopment area.

Community Day was a big success. Angel Sauro, the Seniors, and the Police and Public Works Departments all did a great job putting the event together.

The Sewerage Authority is replacing the roof on their largest building.

Committeeman Cann said that C.D. Director Johnson is in the process of setting up another Municipal Building Sub-committee Meeting

COMMITTEEMAN HOLLIDAY: Committeeman Holliday said the next Veteran’s Advisory Committee (VAC) meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at Jimmy’s. The Veteran’s Day Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. The Hometown Hero and Keynote Speakers have been selected.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017. The Wawa application is still ongoing.

Emergency Management Coordinator Andy Law has been very busy during the current hurricane season. He has been keeping Acting Police Chief Pesce and he apprised of all the storms.

Fire District #1 Mission Fire Company will have their meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2017. Fire District #2 Derby Fire Company will have their meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

Committeeman Holliday met with EMS Supervisor Brian Maugeri. The new cab is on the rescue truck.

In regard to the Police Department, officers will attend the Burlington County Blue Mass on September 29, 2017 at the Holy Cross Academy in Delran. The Mass will honor all law enforcement officers serving in Burlington County. They will also be attending the Feast Day of St. Michael also on September 29, 2017. The Coffee with a Cop program will be held on October 4, 2017 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. at The Dunkin Donuts next to Aldi. Committeeman Holliday cited training that Acting Police Chief and officers recently attended and noted some recent police arrests.

He attended Community Day on September 16, 2017. It was very successful.

He met with the Animal Control Officers. They cover several municipalities. He said the vehicle they are using is old and we should look into purchasing a new one.

COMMITTEEWOMAN POPKO: Committeewoman Popko said she attended the Board of Education meeting where they had a recognition ceremony for the new staff.

The Public Works Department is performing necessary general maintenance and getting ready for the Haunted Hayride. She said that the sign at Northern Community Park for Mr. Oros was vandalized and will be replaced.

Committeewoman Popko said she contacted Acting Chief Pesce regarding a group who contacted her called Bordentown Neighbors Acting together. They are setting up a program for October 26, 2017

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for women/men who are abused or may be domestic violence victims. It is open to the public. Acting Chief Pesce (or another officer) will be one of the speakers for the event.

The League of Municipalities provided a report on the proposed elimination of the deductibility of state and local property income and sales tax in the tax reform from our Federal government. She asked that this be placed on the Township Website to let the community know that they need to call the representatives and fight this. Residents will be double taxed. Committeeman Cann added that New Jersey residents currently receive \$.38 back on every dollar we send to the Federal Government while other states receive a lot more, and New Jersey will be the hardest hit state if this tax reform goes through.

Committeewoman Popko thanked Food and Water Watch for bringing the Resolution #2017-268-20 to her attention, and she thanked the Township Committee for voting yes. Mayor Benowitz stated that we currently have a Shared Service with Chesterfield Township and North Hanover is also now involved, and Pinelands Alliance, and other groups, and we are still fighting this.

DEPUTY MAYOR FUZY: Deputy Mayor Fuzy said Community Day was very nice. He set up a table for the Environmental Commission. (Chairman Roger Plew was unable to attend.) He thanked John Sargent and the members of Commission for helping.

The Environmental Commission had their meeting on September 22, 2017. They are working on the Paris Agreement and giving it more substance. It will be finalized at the next meeting so the Township Committee can look at it. Garden work sessions will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Most of the trips to the area food pantry were not weighed this year due to new members.

Shredder Day is scheduled for October 14, 2017 from 9:00-12:00 noon.

Deputy Mayor Fuzy said that he attended Bordentown City's Environmental Commission meeting where their Green Team had a speaker about ELCON from Delaware Water Group. ELCON is in phase II. The Pennsylvania DEP found some discrepancies so they can come back at any point to resubmit, and then PA DEP has 90 days to find any flaws. This process can go on forever. Once the PA DEP finalizes it, there is a 10 month technical review committee, but the speaker was not sure what happens after that. The project is still ongoing, but no one is sure what is happening next. The Philadelphia Water Department is very opposed to ELCON; he suggested the Township contact them for financial support.

MAYOR BENOWITZ: Mayor Benowitz attended Community Day on Saturday, September 16, 2017. He said it was a good turnout, a big success, and he thanked Angel Sauro for all her work.

On September 14, 2017, he attended the Planning Board meeting. The Team Campus Phase II, LLC application for completion was denied by unanimous vote. The review of Township Ordinances #2017-17 and #2017-18 resulted in recommendations of unanimous approval for both ordinances. The application for Tile Masters will be coming up at a later date at the request of the applicant. The continuation of the 237 Route 130 Convenience, LLC (Wawa) hearing continues for the preliminary and final site plan approvals with the applicant and the objector's professionals. The fourth hearing will continue at the next Planning Board meeting.

He attended the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting on September 19, 2017. The final plans for the business awards luncheon were made and it is scheduled for October 16, 2017 from 11:30-1:30 pm at Jimmy's Firestone American Grill. The cost is \$20 per person.

Township representatives continue to prepare for the County Planning Board Meeting regarding the Matrix Warehouse to be located on Georgetown and Old York Roads (both are county roads). The Township Committee is working closely with the county, the applicant, and the residents to alleviate any traffic problems that may occur.

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

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

NAY: None

JEAN GENDEK, 20 Bonnie Lane: Ms. Gendek said she was here about Ordinance #2017-25 and how it affects their right of parking in front of her home on Bonnie Lane. She read a letter she wrote into the record and requested copies of noticing of the traffic pattern changes that went to the residents on Bonnie Lane. She also said that she could not park across the street because of drainage problems, formation of ice in the winter, and a large tree. Mayor Benowitz asked Ms. Gendek if she could come to Administrator Theokas's office this week to review her letter and answer her questions. Ms. Gendek agreed to meet with Administrator Theokas.

STANLEY GENDEK, 20 Bonnie Lane: Mr. Gendek said he's lived on Bonnie Lane for 16 years, and all of sudden this is a problem because his neighbor can't back out of his driveway. He asked where he is supposed to park his 3 vehicles. He does not want the line in front of his property extended. Mayor Benowitz, again, recommended he meet with Administrator Theokas.

ELIZABETH RODELLE, South Brunswick Township: Ms. Rodelle said she was on the South Brunswick Transco-Williams Task Force to fight the northeast supply enhancement project. She thanked the Township for passing the resolution on the construction of the pipelines in New Jersey because the Township has joined other municipalities like South Brunswick, Franklin, Princeton, Montgomery, Lawrence, and they hope that other municipalities will take Bordentown's lead and also come out to fight the unneeded pipelines in New Jersey.

BERNADETTE MAUR, Franklin Township, Somerset County: Ms. Rodelle said she was on the Franklin Township Task Force against compressor station 206 and the northeast pipeline expansion. She thanked the Township Committee for passing Resolution #2017-268-20. She said she thinks if all municipalities stick together, we can work to stop all this pipeline expansion throughout N.J. and the health risk to our communities.

LANA SMITH, Food and Water Watch: Ms. Smith said that the Bordentown Township has set an example in leading the fight against gas infrastructure in this state. She invited the Township Committee to sign a pledge written by the Food and Water Watch committing to transitioning to 100% renewable energy by 2035 and supporting a moratorium on gas infrastructure in the State. Federal Bill HR-3671 was introduced and it will put us on a transition to 100% renewal energy by 2035 and put a moratorium on all new oil and gas infrastructure. They are working for a similar state level bill as well. Committeewoman Popko told her that the Environmental Commission is already working on a resolution to be a part of the Paris Accord and the Food and Water Watch's resolution should be a part of it. Mayor Benowitz would like the pledge to also go on the Township's website.

Ms. Smith said the Delaware Basin Commission, with direction from the 4 Governors, voted that the Commission begin drafting rules. Their recommendation was to ban fracking but open the area up for fracking waste dumping, so the rules are being drafted. There will be a period for public comment beginning November 30, and another vote to finalize the rules. Committeeman Cann asked that Ms.

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Smith send the information to Township Clerk Eckert so it can be forwarded to the Township Committee members and put on our website.

BARBARA EGET, 24 Independence Drive: Ms. Eget asked for the Township Committee's consideration of a 6 month pilot program for the decrease in the lot size that is required from 1/3 acre to 1/4 acre for Ordinance #2016-2 Keeping of Chickens. She said she thinks it will benefit the Township. She said many Burlington County municipalities don't have a lot size minimum in their ordinance. Committeewoman Popko said she would be in favor of this. Committeeman Cann said that revisiting this issue had been discussed when the ordinance was adopted in 2016.

Seeing no further comments from the public, Committeeman Cann made a motion to close the meeting for public participation; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

DEPUTY MAYOR FUZY: Deputy Mayor Fuzy stated that the Environmental Commission wanted to know how the Township Committee felt about placing a metal sign at the Community Garden. It would say, "Bordentown Township Community Garden, Food Donated to Local Food Pantries." Committeewoman Popko said there is already a sign at the street entrance, but it would be good to have one also at the garden. The Township Committee members agreed to place a sign at the garden. Administrator Theokas will follow-up.

COMMITTEEMAN CANN: Committeeman Cann said that he is in receipt of correspondence from a former resident who is a member of the United Methodist Church on Farnsworth Avenue. The Church has been hosting a program to serve a weekly free dinner for those in need. The vast majority of dinners are going to local motel families in the Township. They would like to attract more people into their facility and are seeking guidance from the Township. Committeeman Cann forwarded the letter to Administrator Theokas and suggested he start by checking with the Police Department to see if they know of anyone who needs the assistance.

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 adjourn the regular meeting; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

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The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 9:21 p.m.

STEPHEN BENOWITZ, MAYOR

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, TOWNSHIP CLERK