

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 26, 2018

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
Committeeman James Kostoplis
Committeeman Ken Mason
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 6:32 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence. He dedicated the moment of silence to “providing a thorough and efficient education to our children in the present and future generation, but a safe education through gun reform and control. Let there be the day that marches for our lives are just memories and not realities.”

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, 2018, 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:

- Bordentown Waterfront Community Redevelopment Contract Matter.
- Environmental Litigation: Compressor Station.
- KJUR Redevelopment Contract Matter.
- Construction Department Personnel Matter.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 6:35 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:34 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert announced that the title of Ordinance #2018-13 has been amended. Resolution #2018-085-18, Item #2, has been revised and the Township Committee has been provided with the Draft Redevelopment Plan (dated March 23, 2018). As a result of Closed Session, Resolution #2018-085-19A is being added to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2018-085-7 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2018-085-8 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.

Resolution #2018-085-9 entitled GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964".

Resolution #2018-085-10 entitled RESOLUTION REQUESTING DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION TO BAN NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT AND FRACKING THROUGHOUT THE BASIN.

Resolution #2018-085-11 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.

Resolution #2018-085-12 entitled A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES.

Resolution #2018-085-13 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2018-085-14 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2018-085-15 entitled APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

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Resolution #2018-085-16 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR POLICE CAR LETTERING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AND CITY OF BORDENTOWN.

Resolution #2018-085-17 entitled AUTHORIZING YEAR 2018 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20).

Resolution #2018-085-18 entitled A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION #2009-257-12, ESTABLISHING A VETERANS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Resolution #2018-085-19 entitled AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CUSHION TIRE FORKLIFT, UNDER STATE CONTRACT, FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2018-085-19A entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PART-TIME PROVISIONAL BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION OFFICE.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2018-085-7 through #2018-085-19A. Committeeman Holliday and Mayor Benowitz asked questions/made comments on the Consent Agenda.

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

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

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

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

At this time, Committeeman Mason made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

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Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2018-11 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, CANCELLING CERTAIN APPROPRIATION BALANCES IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$643,322.24 AND RE-APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS FOR OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2018-11: seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be April 9th.

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2018-12 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2016-14 TO AMEND CHAPTER 15.16 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE "HOUSING CODE".

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2018-12: seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be April 9th.

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2018-13 entitled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 1.01, LOTS 3 through 9 AND 20 AND AMENDING BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 25 "LAND DEVELOPMENT", SECTION 606. (To be Introduced by Title Only).

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2018-13: seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will tentatively be April 23rd. This ordinance will be forwarded to the Planning Board for their review.

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ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Theokas said that in addition to the ordinances that will be for consideration on April 9, 2018, Township Auditor, Bowman and Company, will be here to give presentation on the 2018 Budget. The Public Hearing and vote on Adoption of the Budget, pending any changes, is still scheduled for April 23, 2018.

A draft of the Township's Master Plan Review from our Planners was received.
Work on the concession building at Joseph Lawrence Park is showing progress.
Town Hall is closed on Friday, March 30, 2018 for the Good Friday holiday.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEEMAN KOSTOPLIS: Committeeman Kostoplis said he had nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEEMAN HOLLIDAY: Committeeman Holliday said the Veteran's Information Day will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the National Guard Armory.

He described several Police Department events and training sessions. The Police Department recently obtained free supplies from Federal Surplus Property valued at \$27,247.72.

Animal Control has been busy answering calls.

The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2018.

COMMITTEEMAN MASON: Committeeman Mason said his meetings were cancelled because of the weather.

Due to the weather, Opening Night for Bordentown Little League has been postponed.

The School Board meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

DEPUTY MAYOR FUZY: On March 20, 2018, he attended the Stormwater Management meeting. The Environmental Commission meeting is March 27, 2018.

The Public Works Department has been performing ongoing general maintenance throughout the Township, including filling potholes and branch pick-up from the storms.

April 28, 2018 is the Green Fair at Joseph Lawrence Park.

MAYOR BENOWITZ: On March 13, 2018, he Mayor Benowitz attended the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting.

Administrator Theokas and he met with Assemblywoman Carol Murphy and her Chief of Staff, John Mulholland on March 15, 2018. A panel discussion composed of 7 assembly district mayors is planned for May.

On March 15, 2018, he attended the Affordable Housing Subcommittee meeting.

He attended the Bordentown Township Senior Club Social meeting on March 19, 2018.

Mayor Benowitz continues to visit different Department Heads on a regular basis.

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

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

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NAY: None

Seeing no comment, Committeeman Kostoplis made a motion to close the meeting to the public; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

AYE: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

ADDITIONAL MATTERS: None

At this time, Committeeman Mason 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: Committeeman Holliday, Committeeman Kostoplis, Committeeman Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

The Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, RMC, TWP. CLERK