

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23, 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 7:03 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence dedicated to the passing of former First Lady Barbara Bush.

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:

- Environmental Litigation: Transco Compressor Station
- Affordable Housing Contract Matters.
- 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 Kostoplis.

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

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NAY: None

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 7:05 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:32 pm.

Mayor's Proclamation proclaiming April 22nd as Earth Day. At this time, Mayor Benowitz read the Proclamation into the record.

Resolution #2018-113-7 entitled **RESOLUTION TO READ BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY.** Mayor Benowitz read the resolution page into the record.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to approve Resolution #2018-113-7; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

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

NAY: None

Mayor Benowitz made a statement regarding the 2018 Municipal Budget.

Public Hearing on 2018 Municipal Budget.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to open the public hearing on Resolution #2018-113-8 entitled 2018 Municipal Budget; seconded by Committeeman Mason.

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

NAY: None

Seeing no public comment, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to close the public hearing on Resolution #2018-113-8 entitled 2018 Municipal Budget; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

Consideration of Adoption of Resolution #2018-113-8 entitled ADOPTION OF 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-113-8 entitled Adoption of 2018 Municipal Budget; seconded by Committeeman Mason.

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

NAY: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert stated there is an Addendum to the Consent Agenda adding Resolution #2018-113-17A. And as a result of Closed Session, Resolution #2018-113-17B is being added.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2018-113-10 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2018-113-11 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.

Resolution #2018-113-12 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP SHARE OF THE MACCS CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL JERSEY WASTE & RECYCLING FOR BASIC SERVICE SOLID WASTE AND BULK COLLECTION.

Resolution #2018-113-13 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A METAL WORKING MULTI-MACHINE FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP PUBIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2018-113-14 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON CROSSWICKS ROAD, KNOWN AS BLOCK 92.01, LOTS 18 & 18QFARM.

Resolution #2018-113-15 entitled RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Resolution #2018-113-16 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICTS NO.1 AND 2 FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY ENFORCEMENT FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS.

Resolution #2018-113-17 entitled RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2018-113-10 through #2018-113-17B. Deputy Mayor Fuzy 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 Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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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 Holliday made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

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

NAY: None

Public Hearing on 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.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2018-13; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

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

NAY: None

Seeing no public comment, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2018-13; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

Consideration of Adoption 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.

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At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2018-13; seconded by Committeeman Mason.

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

NAY: None

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2018-14 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 \$4,200,000 FOR SAID PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,990,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2018-14: 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 be May 7th.

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2018-15 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE #2011-22, WHICH AUTHORIZED CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WATERFRONT VILLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AREA; INCREASING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR SUCH PURPOSES TO \$19,150,000 AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2018-15: 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 be May 7th.

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2018-16 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #2013-18 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TITLES AND SALARY RANGES FOR PERMANENT AND PROVISIONAL EMPLOYEES.

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At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2018-16: 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 May 7th.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Theokas stated that he followed up with the City Water Department regarding the broken fire hydrant on Williamsburg Drive and the parts were ordered and it should be fixed soon.

In regard to discounts or waivers to seniors for UCC fees, Administrator Theokas said he followed up with Hamilton Township. He compared fee amounts and Hamilton's are higher; he cited several examples.

On April 10, 2018, he attended a JIF Safety Breakfast with Deputy Coordinator Dean Buhner and Safety Coordinator Sam Vail. Our internal safety meeting is coming up soon.

He thanked the Township Committee for the resolution for the hiring of the new keyboard clerk typist who will be starting in the UCC office on May 7, 2018.

Beginning April 30, 2018, PSE&G will begin repairing some of the paving they dug up when they repaired gas mains (mostly on Route 206 and in the Bywater section). They are notifying residents with hangtags on the doors, and we will put a notice on our website. It will be a 4-5 week process.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2018. Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the meetings are scheduled for the first and third Mondays in May.

The Township Committee introduced the ordinance for the AFSME contract, and now that the budget has passed, the salary ordinance and resolutions for the non-collectively bargained employees in the Township will begin to be processed at the next meeting.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

COMMITTEEMAN KOSTOPLIS: On April 16, 2018, Committeeman Kostoplis attended the Sewer Authority meeting. They passed a resolution authorizing the execution of a shared services agreement with Bordentown Township for our intended construction of a canine kennel on the Authority's property. Administrator Theokas commented on the necessity to relocate the kennel.

COMMITTEEMAN HOLLIDAY: Committeeman Holliday said the next Veteran's Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2018. They have been working with Angel Sauro on the Memorial Day Ceremony.

The Planning Board meeting was held on April 12, 2018.

He described several Police Department community events and training sessions. The first Bring Your Child to Work Day will be hosted by the Police Department on April 26, 2018. The DEA's National Drug Take Back Day is April 28, 2018.

From the LESO 1033 Program Gov Deals, free items were obtained for the Public Works and Police Departments: 6 generators, 1 electric green truck, a projection screen, and desk and cubicles.

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Committeeman Holliday said he met with Assemblywoman Carol Murphy again and Senator Troy Singleton and talked about the Township.

COMMITTEEMAN MASON: Committeeman Mason said he attended the Bordentown Little League Board of Directors monthly meeting. The Opening Night is scheduled for May 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Northern Community Park. Their next meeting is May 7, 2018.

He attended the School Board of Education meeting on April 18, 2018. It was voted on and the children of 16 out of district staff members will attend the 2018-19 school year tuition-free. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2018.

DEPUTY MAYOR FUZY: On April 11, 2018, Deputy Mayor Fuzy attended Chesterfield's information seminar on the compressor station and pipeline. The pipeline is still on hold waiting for legalities before it gets built.

On April 14, 2018, he attended the 7-11 Grand Opening and their second ribbon cutting with Mayor Benowitz.

On April 16, 2018, he attended Bordentown Residents Against Drugs (BRAD) exhibit in Bordentown City.

The Green Fair is scheduled for April 28, 2018 at Joseph Lawrence Park from 11:00-3:00 pm.

On April 29, 2018, there will be stream monitoring at Bossert Park.

The Shredder Event will be held on May 5, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. at the Public Works Building.

Hydrant flushing in the Township begins today.

On April 22, 2018, he attended Bordentown City's Earth Day Event.

He is going to be sending an email to the Township Committee listing what stormwater videos they need to watch.

MAYOR BENOWITZ: The meetings with the mayors of Bordentown City and Chesterfield Township have to be rescheduled due to scheduling difficulties.

On April 18, 2018, he attended the Affordable Housing Subcommittee meeting.

He conducted the monthly meeting with Attorney Fahey and Engineer Turek.

On April 14, 2018, he attended 7-11's second grand opening.

On April 16, 2018, he attended the Senior Social Meeting.

He attended the April 12, 2018 Planning Board Meeting.

Mayor Benowitz spoke with the Municipal Court Staff regarding the actual date of when the Shared Service Agreement with Bordentown City will cease.

He continues to meet with Administrator Theokas and Municipal Clerk Eckert on a regular basis.

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

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

NAY: None

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

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

NAY: None

ADDITIONAL MATTERS: 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 Kostoplis.

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 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, RMC, TWP. CLERK