

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 11, 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
Administrator Michael Theokas
Township Clerk Colleen Eckert
Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Elsasser
Attorney Sander Friedman

ABSENT: Committeeman Ken Mason
Attorney Eileen Fahey

Mayor Benowitz called the meeting to order at approximately 6:31 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence. The moment of silence is being dedicated to the tragic suicide of celebrities Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain.

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, Committeeman Holliday 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:

--Affordable Housing Contract Matters.

--Personnel Matters: UCC/Community Development.

--Joseph Lawrence/Veterans Park Concession Building Improvement Contract Matter.

--FY2017 CDBG ADA Barrier Project Contract Matter.

--Professional Services Contract Matter: 2018 Road Program
Bike Path, Phase IV

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Bonnie Lane Drainage Project (**PULLED**)
Dunns Mill Road, Phase II
PW Expansion Project, 266 Crosswicks Rd.
Stormwater Management (**PULLED**)

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Mason

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 6:34 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at approximately 7:31 pm.

Mayor's Proclamation – Older Americans Month. At this time, Mayor Benowitz read the Proclamation into the record.

Presentation of Certificate to Emily Albrecht – 24th Annual Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. At this time, Mayor Benowitz and the Township Committee presented the Certificate to Ms. Albrecht.

Mayor's Proclamation – Flag Day, June 14, 2018. At this time, Mayor Benowitz read the Proclamation into the record.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert announced that revised Ordinance #2018-20 was provided to the Township Committee for Introduction. As a result of Closed Session, Resolutions #2018-162-33A through #2018-162-33F are being added to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2018-162-10 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2018-162-11 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

Resolution #2018-162-12 entitled AUTHORIZING A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP'S SHARE OF THE MACCS CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR AGREEMENT WITH AVR RESOURCE GROUP, INC., IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$35,904.96.

Resolution #2018-162-13 entitled AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP'S NOTICE TO ISSUE A NEW PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION HOTEL/MOTEL LIQUOR LICENSE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 33:1-19.1 AND N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.20.

Resolution #2018-162-14 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN ADOPTING THE FORM OF THE NEW JERSEY TORT CLAIMS ACT QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRED TO BE UTILIZED BY CLAIMANTS FOR THE FILING OF NOTICES OF TORT CLAIM AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY TORT CLAIMS ACT, N.J.S.A. 59:8-6 AND DESIGNATING QUAL-LYNX AS THE AGENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO PROVIDE THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO ALL OF THE CLAIMANTS AND TO RECEIVE THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE CLAIMANTS.

Resolution #2018-162-15 entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF SOLICITING LICENSE FEE TO VIVINT SOLAR.

Resolution #2018-162-16 entitled AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2018 FORD INTERCEPTOR AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION.

Resolution #2018-162-17 entitled AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2018 FORD INTERCEPTORS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL UNIT.

Resolution #2018-162-18 entitled AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2018 FORD INTERCEPTOR FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2018-162-19 entitled AUTHORIZING PURCHASE FORCE-ON-FORCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2018-162-20 entitled AUTHORIZING PURCHASE FORCE-ON-FORCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2018-162-21 entitled AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A NEW SERVER FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2018-162-22 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM GRAMCO BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS FOR EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AT NORTHERN COMMUNITY PARK AND JOSEPH LAWRENCE PARK.

Resolution #2018-162-23 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM TELECOMGIANT FOR UPGRADES TO THEIR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM LOCATED AT THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COMPLEX.

Resolution #2018-162-24 entitled AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PORTABLE TWO-WAY RADIOS FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Resolution #2018-162-25 entitled APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Resolution #2018-162-26 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PART-TIME (PER DIEM) EMT.

Resolution #2018-162-27 entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.

Resolution #2018-162-28 entitled ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND OTHER RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN.

Resolution #218-162-29 entitled AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Resolution #2018-162-30 entitled RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES.

Resolution #2018-162-31 entitled RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

Resolution #2018-162-32 entitled RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY DISTRIBUTION LICENSE.

Resolution #2018-162-33 entitled RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CLUB LICENSE

Resolution #2018-162-33A entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING TAKEOVER AGREEMENT WITH BONDEX INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE JOSEPH L,AWRENCE/VETERAN'S PARK CONCESSION BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Resolution #2018-162-33B entitled A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO A-TEAM CONCRETE FOR THE FY29017CDBG PROJECT – REMOVAL OF ADA BARRIERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

Resolution #2018-162-33C entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LLC, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2018 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Resolution #2018-162-33D entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LLC, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP BIKEWAY – PHASE IV PROJECT.

Resolution #2018-162-33E entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LLC, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DUNNS MILL

ROAD RESURFACING – PHASE 2 PROJECT (FY2017 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM).

Resolution #2018-162-33F entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LLC, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS EXPANSION PROJECT, 266 CROSSWICKS ROAD, ADDITIONAL SOIL DELINEATION SAMPLING.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2018-162-10 through #2018-162-33F. There were no questions/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.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Mason

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Mason

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Mason

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2018-19 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO ESTABLISH A RESTRICTED-PARKING ZONE IN FRONT OF A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BY A HANDICAPPED PERSON.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2018-19; seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuzy.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Mason

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be June 25th.

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2018-20 entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO VACATE A PORTION OF DUNNS MILL ROAD.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2018-20; seconded by Committeeman Kostoplis.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Mason

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

Township Committee discussion of Proposed 2018 SRTS Grant Application.

Mayor Benowitz stated that this is a Grant that provides an 8 foot bikeway on Ward Avenue from Peter Muschal School to Livingston Avenue, expanding the bikeway to approximately 3 total miles. The Township Committee was in agreement that the Township should apply for the Grant and proceed with recommendation per Township Engineer Fred Turek.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

On May 29, 2018, Administrator Theokas, Police Chief Pesce, and Township Engineer Turek attended a meeting held by the Burlington County Bridge Commission regarding a study that was funded by the DVRPC that covered traffic and issues on the Route 130 Corridor. The final meeting is being held tonight, and Township Engineer Turek, Police Chief Pesce, and Brian Johnson are attending on the Township's behalf. It was an excellent study and what will be confirmed tonight are several recommendations including the intersections of Crosswicks, Farnsworth, Ward, Hogback, Crescent and Park Street/Amboy Road. They made recommendations for improvements that will ease traffic, increase pedestrian safety, and improve the area. The recommendations are for mostly NJ DOT projects, so the Township will have to lobby the NJ DOT.

The Fireworks are scheduled for July 7, 2018. The Office of Emergency Management, Police, Fire, and Public Works held a meeting in preparation for the event. The pre-fireworks events have been expanded and/or changed.

Administrator Theokas has been working with our new OEM Coordinator, Sal Guido. The Hazard Mitigation Plan has been submitted to the County.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

COMMITTEEMAN KOSTOPLIS: Committeeman Kostoplis said he met with Fire Districts #1 and #2 and OEM Coordinator, Sal Guido. He gave a summary of what was discussed.

A student from Peter Muschal purchased oxygen masks for pets at the Burlington County Animal Shelter, as well as blankets, pet food, and socks. He used the money he received from his bat mitzvah.

COMMITTEEMAN HOLLIDAY: Committeeman Holliday said he attended the Memorial Day Ceremony. It was a successful event.

The Flag Retirement Day will be held at Northern Community Park on June 16, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

The Veteran's Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm at the Senior Center.

Planning Board Meeting is Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Committeeman Holliday asked Township Engineer Turek for an update on the Culvert Project. The bids and plans are being finalized and should be ready to advertise in about 2 weeks. NJ DEP sent back the response to the permit application. Construction will begin July or August.

The Police Department participated in the Click-it or Ticket program that was paid for by a grant. They partnered with Bordentown City P.D. where both departments will issue tickets for free ice cream for children observed wearing their helmets.

On May 30, 2018, Committeeman Holliday said he attended and the Police Department participated in the Team 85 National Senior Health and Wellness Day event.

The Tip-A-Cop event was held on June 1, 2018 at Jimmy's Firestone Grill. They raised \$5,853.

The Police Department participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run which raised \$6,419.

Video surveillance cameras are being purchased and installed at Northern Community and Joseph Lawrence Parks.

He cited several other Police activities/events.

DEPUTY MAYOR FUZY: On May 22, 2018, Deputy Mayor Fuzy attended the Environmental Commission Meeting. Township Engineer Fred Turek and Township Planner Jack Carman attended and gave the Environmental Commission guidance on reviewing plans, etc.

On May 26, 2018, Mayor Benowitz and he attended Bordentown City's Memorial Day Event.

On May 28, 2018, the Township Committee and he attended the Township's Memorial Day Ceremony.

On June 2, 2018, he attended a class at Rutgers' University on being a highly effective elected official. After attending this class, he had a meeting with Administrator Theokas to discuss his role as Deputy Mayor.

The viewing of the Stormwater Video is due June 15, 2018.

Our Public Works is now recognized as a household hazardous waste site facility. This reduces the cost to the Township for disposing hazardous waste items. Public Works ordered a cold planer, and once received, they will be able make road repairs. The unused cars are being sold on govdeals.

Ongoing maintenance in the Township is being performed.

The summer concert series is fully booked. Concerts will be Wednesdays at 7:00 pm from July 11 to August 29, 2018 at Joseph Lawrence Park.

MAYOR BENOWITZ: Administrator Theokas, Engineer Turek, C.D. Director Johnson and he met with a future principal in a commercial development endeavor on May 24, 2018.

The former Saturn dealership is in the demolition process to make way for the new Wawa.

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The U.S. Route 130 Corridor Circulation Plan is being prepared by Ed Fox, Manager, Regional Planning, Burlington County Bridge Commission and, in conjunction with NJ DOT, will help to support public safety on our state highways.

On May 24, 2018, Mayor Benowitz participated in an Affordable Housing Subcommittee meeting with Mike Edwards, Administrator Theokas, Susan Gruel, Fred Heyer, Township Engineer Turek, and Committeeman Holliday. It is continued preparation for the Fairness Hearing which is scheduled for June 18, 2018.

Mayor Benowitz attended the Senior Wellness Program at Team 85.

On May 28, 2018, Mayor Benowitz participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony presented by the Veteran's Advisory Committee.

He attended the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser. The Bordentown Police Department's Outreach Program has grown and they are really giving back to the community.

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, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, Mayor Benowitz

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Mason

ROGER SCHNEIDER, 93 Charles Bossert Drive: Mr. Schneider commented that trucks will be turning onto Route 528 to get to the Matrix Warehouse since they are not supposed to use Georgetown Road. He also discussed the speed and the speed limit study performed on Route 528. Mayor Benowitz and Administrator Theokas responded to his concerns.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Mason

ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

Mayor Benowitz said he will list "Recreation" as a discussion item when the liaison, Committeeman Mason returns.

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.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Committeeman Mason

The Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, RMC, TWP. CLERK