

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 25, 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 6:30 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence. The moment of silence is being dedicated to the victims of the Trenton Art All Night Event shootings and to the hopes and dreams of the 2018 graduates, our future legacy.

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:

-- Affordable Housing Contract Matters.

--Personnel Matters: Police Department
Municipal Court

--Attorney Client Privilege: Personnel

--Professional Services Contract Matters: Veterans Park – Concession Building
Public Works Expansion Project
Stormwater Management

--Tax Appeal Litigation.

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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.

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 6:34 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at approximately 7:32 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert announced that as a result of Closed Session, Resolutions #2018-176-24A through #2018-176-24F are being added to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2018-176-7 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2018-176-8 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.

Resolution #2018-176-9 entitled RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87.

Resolution #2018-176-10 entitled RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87.

Resolution #2018-176-11 entitled RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87.

Resolution #2018-176-12 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM.

Resolution #2018-176-13 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF ESTIMATED TAX BILLS FOR THE YEAR OF 2018.

Resolution #2018-176-14 entitled RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR BORDENTOWN CORNER, LLC, ROUTES 130 AND GROVEVILLE ROAD, BLOCK 20, LOT 1.

Resolution #2018-176-15 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MARCIE MAUTE AS ACCOUNT CLERK/CASHIER IN THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT.

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Resolution #2018-176-16 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN TO MEMORIALIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF MARLENE LYSZCZAK, KEYBOARD CLERK 1.

Resolution #2018-176-17 entitled A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SRTS) FOR THE PETER MUSCHAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WALKWAY PROJECT.

Resolution #2018-176-18 entitled RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE.

Resolution #2018-176-19 entitled AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TASERS FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2018-176-20 entitled AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF RADAR UNITS FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution #2018-176-21 entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF \$6,175,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2018 AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Resolution #2018-176-22 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, CLASS II.

Resolution #2018-176-23 entitled RENEWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES WITH SPECIAL CONDITION.

Resolution #2018-176-24 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION AND DISCHARGE OF CERTAIN RECORDED DOCUMENTS RELATING TO BLOCK 18, LOT 23.

Resolution #2018-176-24A entitled RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND MONIES TO VOADV PROPERTY, INC. FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESPONSIBLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITH BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP ON BLOCK 130, LOT 5.02 AND BLOCK 140.01, LOTS 1.02 AND 2.01.

Resolution #2018-176-24B entitled AMENDING RESOLUTION #2018-162-28 ENTITLED ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND OTHER RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN.

Resolution #2018-176-24C entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LLC, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE VETERANS

MEMORIAL PARK – CONCESSION/PAVILLION BUILDING (SUPPLEMENTAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT/INSPECTION SERVICES).

Resolution #2018-176-24D 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, PCB'S.

Resolution #2018-176-24E entitled RESOLUTON ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM TUREK CONSULTING, LLC, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NJDEP TIER “A” MS4 PERMIT ASSISTANCE (STORMWATER MANAGEMENT).

Resolution #2018-176-24F entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONSTRUCT WITH HELMER, CONLEY AND KASSELMAN, PA.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2018-176-7 through #2018-176-24F. 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 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, Deputy Mayor Fuzy 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

Public Hearing on 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.

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At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2018-19; seconded by Committeeman Mason.

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

NAY: None

Seeing no public comment, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2018-19; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

Consideration of Adoption 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, Deputy Mayor Fuzy made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2018-19; seconded by Committeeman Holliday.

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

NAY: None

Consideration of Introduction of Ordinance #2018-21 entitled AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE AH-1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE, PROVIDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND OTHER USES ON PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN.

At this time, Committeeman Holliday made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2018-21; seconded by Committeeman Mason.

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

NAY: None

TOWNSHIP CLERK ECKERT: The public hearing will be July 23rd.

Township Committee discussion of Recreation.

Mayor Benowitz gave a statement regarding the need to provide additional recreational opportunities for our residents. The liaison for recreation, Committeeman Mason, announced THAT

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through funding from the Township and Green Acres there is proposed building of seven (7) new fields at Joseph Lawrence Park: 6 softball and 1 soccer field. The walking path will also be rebuilt. With this project, community recreation could hold tournaments which will profit the local businesses. The Bordentown Little League District 11 will be hosting a district tournament from July 8-15, 2018.

Mayor Benowitz stated that in the future, the Township will be looking to add soccer fields at the former Dix Drive-In. Mayor Benowitz has discussed these plans with the mayors of Chesterfield Township and Bordentown City. He said that Chesterfield Township currently sends their little league players to Hamilton Township, and we'd like to bring them to Bordentown Township.

ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

On June 13, 2018, Administrator Theokas said the Township's Bond Counsel, Financial Advisors, and he attended the Local Finance Forum on behalf of the Township. Bordentown Township was required to appear before the Local Finance Board due to the non-conforming debt schedule that was proposed for the Waterfront property, which the Township Committee previously approved. It was slightly amended but was approved by the Local Finance Board.

On June 19, 2018, he attended a JIF meeting. The Township was able to use JIF funds to partially/fully fund the Police Department's new server. There is a cyber risk fund of \$500 that the Township was able to utilize.

On June 15, 2018, the Township held a health luncheon which was sponsored through JIF Wellness Funds. He thanked Angel Sauro for setting it up.

The bench has been installed on the walking path by Eagle Scout Eget.

Town Hall will be closed on July 4, 2018 for the holiday.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

COMMITTEEMAN KOSTOPLIS: Committeeman Kostoplis said he attended the Bordentown Middle School Graduation.

He reported on OEM and the Fire Districts at the last meeting.

COMMITTEEMAN HOLLIDAY: Committeeman Holliday said he attended the Bordentown High School Graduation on June 18, 2018. He also attended the Bordentown Middle School Graduation on June 19, 2018.

He visited an Amboy Road resident with Township Engineer Fred Turek. The road may be repaved.

Committeeman Kostoplis and he talked about FEMA reimbursement for the March 7 & 8 northeastern. Burlington County is also trying to get funding from the Federal Government for municipalities in Burlington County.

The culvert project caused by Hurricane Sandy is proceeding. Plans and the scope of work have been completed, and the bids should be going out tentatively on June 29, 2018. Bids should be returned in approximately 3 weeks and the project can begin.

The Veteran's Advisory Committee meeting was June 12, 2018. He attended the Flag Retirement Day at Northern Community Park on June 16, 2018.

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

He cited several Police activities/community events.

Plans are being made for the upcoming Fireworks event.

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COMMITTEEMAN MASON: Committeeman Mason didn't have anything further to report. He is looking forward to attending the July events.

DEPUTY MAYOR FUZY: Deputy Mayor Fuzy reported on the ongoing maintenance in the Township being performed by the Public Works Department.

The cars sitting at Public Works are on govdeals.

The Public Works Department is continuing work with Township Engineer Fred Turek on Stormwater compliance.

The Public Works Department is assisting Little League in preparation and maintenance at Northern Community Park for the annual tournament.

Preparation for the July 4th fireworks scheduled for July 7, 2018 continues; the Fishing Derby will be held on July 4, 2018.

Updated sound equipment is being purchased.

The website is being updated with the summer events. An ad was placed in People Papers for Music in the Park, and The Current will have a listing of all the July events.

Deputy Mayor Fuzy will be surveying the public to hear how they heard about the Township events.

The Environmental Commission Meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2018.

Deputy Mayor Fuzy attended the Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 16, 2018,.

He attended the Bordentown High School Graduation and the Bordentown Middle School Moving Up Ceremony.

MAYOR BENOWITZ: Administrator Theokas and he had their monthly meeting with Bordentown City Mayor Jim Lynch, Clerk Grace Archer, and CFO Margaret Peak. Discussion items were: Volunteers of America Phases I & II, shared events, Bordentown Night at Trenton Thunder scheduled for July 28, 2018, recreational plans, and EMS.

Attorney Fahey, Township Engineer Turek, Administrator Theokas, and he had their monthly meeting on June 15, 2018.

He attended the JIF employee luncheon on June 15, 2018.

He attended the Senior Citizen Social Meeting on June 18, 2018.

Administrator Theokas and he met with Chesterfield Township Mayor Rita Romeu on June 12, 2018. They discussed environmental issues and the pipeline, progress of shared services, and recreational plans.

On June 16, 2018, he attended and spoke at the Flag Retirement Ceremony conducted by the Veteran's Advisory Committee (VAC).

At the Memorial Day Ceremony, Former VAC Chairman Huntanar presented flags via skype from Iraq to Bordentown City, Bordentown Township, and Bordentown's Veteran's Advisory Committee.

Mayor Benowitz said he attended the Bordentown High School Graduation on June 18, 2018 and the Bordentown Middle School Promotional Exercise on June 19, 2018.

On June 20, 2018, Administrator Theokas, Township Engineer Turek, Attorney Fahey, Special Planner Fred Heyer, and he met to discuss plans presented by KJUR for Phase II of the Team Campus Project.

Administrator Theokas, CFO Elsasser, and he attended the Township's Audit Exit Conference with Bowman and Company representatives. The Township received no findings this year.

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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

NAY: None

DIANE HEINZ, 3 Hattaras Court: Ms. Heinz said she requested at the May 28, 2018 meeting to have white bike lines placed on Williamsburg Drive. Administrator Theokas responded that he is taking care of it.

Seeing no further comments, Deputy Mayor Fuzy 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 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 Mason.

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 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, RMC, TWP. CLERK