

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2013

The Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was held in the Main Meeting Room in the Municipal Building.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Jill Popko
Committeeman Stephen Benowitz
Committeeman Karl Feltes
Committeeman John Moynihan
Township Clerk Colleen Eckert
Attorney William J. Kearns, Jr.
Chief Financial Officer David Kocian
Public Works Director Dean Buhner
Chief of Police Frank M. Nucera, Jr.

ABSENT: Mayor James Cann

Deputy Mayor Popko called the meeting to order at approximately 7:32 p.m. and led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

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 7, 2013, 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 REGISTER NEWS, 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

Township Clerk Eckert stated a Mayor's Proclamation has been added to the Agenda. There is an Addendum to the Agenda adding Resolutions #2013-238-19A.

Mayor's Proclamation recognizing United States of America Patriot Day. At this time, Deputy Mayor Popko read the Proclamation into the record.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #2013-238-6 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Resolution #2013-238-7 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS AND FILING OF REPORTS.

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Resolution #2013-238-8 entitled RELEASE OF CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND ESCROW ACCOUNT FUNDS WITH RESPECT TO HARVEY PRIMOST (BARRACKS TRADING POST), BLOCK 62, LOT 1.

Resolution #2013-238-9 entitled RELEASE OF ESCROW ACCOUNT FUNDS WITH RESPECT TO BLUE BEACON INTERNATIONAL, INC., BLOCK 134.01, LOT 12.02).

Resolution #2013-238-10 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.

Resolution #2013-238-11 entitled A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES.

Resolution #2013-238-12 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.

Resolution #2013-238-13 entitled APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #RL:389.

Resolution #2013-238-14 entitled REFUND OF ESCROW BALANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROJECT NAME: KRAJEWSKI SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 118, LOT 7.

Resolution #2013-238-15 entitled AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT TO 130 CRABCO NJ, LLC, T/A CHICKIE'S & PETE'S.

Resolution #2013-238-16 entitled A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANDREW LAW, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Resolution #2013-238-17 entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PART-TIME (PER DIEM) EMT.

Resolution #2013-238-18 entitled RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM CME ASSOCIATES FOR THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL DRIVE AND GERMANTOWN ROAD.

Resolution #2013-238-19 entitled APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSE #RL:390.

Resolution #2013-238-19A entitled APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2013-238-6 through #2013-238-19A.

Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, and Deputy Mayor Popko commented/asked questions about the Consent Agenda.

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At this time, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to open to the public for consent agenda items; seconded by Committeeman Feltes.

AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, Deputy Mayor Popko

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mayor Cann

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

AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, Deputy Mayor Popko

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mayor Cann

At this time, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to adopt the consent agenda; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, Deputy Mayor Popko

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mayor Cann

Township Committee discussion of FY14 Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant Submission.

Committeeman Benowitz asked if more handicapped parking spots and a new floor at the Senior Community Center could be included with the grant. Deputy Mayor Popko said that Alt. Township Engineer Fred Turek is looking to use this grant for access at Joseph Lawrence Park. Committeeman Feltes said that the Parks and Recreation Committee has expressed concern that the Township has not address recreational activities for the handicapped. P.W. Director Buhner suggested using the next Community Development Block Grant for the Senior Center improvements. The amount of the grant is unknown.

Resolution #2013-238-19B entitled RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE FY14 RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES FOR JOSEPH LAWRENCE PARK PAVILION AND RECREATIONAL AREA ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT.

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At this time, Committeeman Moynihan made a motion to approve Resolution #2013-238-19B; seconded by Committeeman Feltes.

AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, Deputy Mayor Popko

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mayor Cann

Township Committee discussion of Room to Run Dog Park 2013 Grant Application.

Deputy Mayor Popko stated that this Grant for \$2,000 is due on August 31, 2013. The Township is proposing a fenced-in area for licensed dogs to run at Northern Community Park. Deputy Mayor Popko announced that in addition, a \$1,500 donation has also been offered by a resident. The Township is matching with \$1,000 if the \$2,000 grant is received. Committeeman Moynihan suggested making the dog park available to Bordentown Township and Bordentown City residents with licensed dogs only. Attorney Kearns said that the Township may not be able to limit it to Bordentown residents.

Resolution #2013-238-19C entitled APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE ROOM TO RUN DOG PARK 2013 PROJECT.

At this time, Committeeman Feltes made a motion to approve Resolution #2013-238-19C; seconded by Committeeman Benowitz.

AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, Deputy Mayor Popko

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mayor Cann

Township Committee discussion of September and October Meeting Schedule.

Deputy Mayor Popko announced that the dates and times of the meetings will be changed, primarily due to the Special Election. The September 9, 2013 and September 23, 2013 meetings are cancelled; the rescheduled dates are September 16, 2013 and September 30, 2013. The October 15, 2013 meeting date is cancelled.

Resolution #2013-238-19D entitled RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN.

At this time, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to approve Resolution #2013-238-19D; seconded by Committeeman Feltes.

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AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, Deputy Mayor Popko

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mayor Cann

Township Committee discussion of “No Parking” Stanton Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Popko said this discussion is regarding the bluffs and the D&R State Park which access on Stanton Avenue has recently been opened up to the residents. She said currently there is no parking at that location on Stanton Avenue, and they will be trying a 120 day suspension of enforcement so residents can walk on the trail. A sign is being placed on Orchard Avenue directing people to use the Stanton Avenue entrance. Police Chief Nucera said that if the public abides by the laws, the no parking ordinance will be repealed.

Township Committee discussion of Senior Citizen Discount for Water.

Committeeman Moynihan said there is presently a discount for sewer usage for low income seniors in Bordentown Township and Bordentown City. There are currently 92 senior citizens that are presently receiving this discount. He submitted to the Township Committee a draft letter that he would like to send to the Bordentown City Commissioners making a request for the same type of discount for water. Police Chief Nucera said he spoke with Mayor Malone about this and was told they used to provide a discount to seniors, but did away with it because the savings were incidental. Mayor Malone said he would speak with the rest of the Commissioners about re-establishing the discount and report back.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

COMMITTEEMAN BENOWITZ: Committeeman Benowitz said he attended the Edge Networking Group on July 30, 2013.

He attended the Senior Citizen’s meeting on August 5, 19, and the picnic on August 17, 2013. Emergency Management Coordinator, Andy Law, gave a presentation on the Special Needs Registry sponsored by the Burlington County Health Department.

At the August 8, 2013 Planning Board Meeting, ROCK IDI-Central Crossings warehouse development application was approved.

The ADHOC sign committee met on August 16, 2013. The Township Planner will address concerns by the next meeting scheduled for October 4, 2013.

On September 30, 2013, the Economic Development Advisory Committee will have their first breakfast meeting hosted by Jimmy Manetas of Town and Country for all Township businesses. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the businesses with input as a connection between government and business. A form requesting information was also mailed out to the businesses for the Buy Local Initiative.

An Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting was held August 13, 2013. A possible Master Plan input was discussed and the Mission Statement will be available at the next meeting.

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In regard to Public Works, Committeeman Benowitz gave an update on the Bossert Park bridge, mulch path, and playground.

The Hedding Road resurfacing project is progressing and, hopefully will be completed before the school year begins.

There are sink holes on Tantum Road and Cayuga Court that are being investigated.

Park maintenance is ongoing. Committeeman Benowitz gave an update on various projects being performed in the Township by the Public Works Department.

Committeeman Benowitz attended the River Line Forum. There will be another meeting in about 5-6 weeks.

COMMITTEEMAN FELTES: Committeeman Feltes announced that the Wellness Day Fair is scheduled for October 12, 2013. The family walk and trike race fees were discussed at the Parks and Recreation Meeting.

A resident on Willow Road positively commented on the new fence which borders the park.

The Parks and Recreation Committee discussed the Bossert Park bridge and the playground and the security there. Police Chief Nucera responded that foot patrol is required there.

At the recent River Line Forum, residents expressed concern for security and said there would possibly be an added police burden. New Jersey Transit indicated that they would work closely with the towns. The Township will be requesting quiet zone status for that area before installation of the River Line; if it is done afterwards, the Township will have to pay for it. The platform was re-engineered for 2-sided access.

The street sweeper is still working, but is considered environmentally hazardous to use because what is cleaned from the streets is supposed to be disposed of as bulk waste. P.W. Director Buhner is looking into a screening option.

COMMITTEEMAN MOYNIHAN: Committeeman Moynihan said he received an e-mail from Engineer John Keller of the N.J. Turnpike Authority who stated the Township is on the tree planting contract for the next round of plantings for the turnpike expansion buffer. He said clarification must be obtained if this includes trees in addition to those in Holloway Meadows.

He attended a Sewerage Authority Meeting on August 19, 2013. The ROCK-IDI warehouse project on Bordentown-Hedding Road was discussed.

In regard to the Bordentown Regional School District, there is no formal response to the Mayor's letter regarding the Solar Bond Issue. He attended a meeting on August 7, 2013 where a representative from the N.J. School Board Association gave a presentation on goal setting. The Teacher's and Superintendent's contracts and negotiations were also discussed.

The Veteran's Advisory Committee is meeting on September 3, 2013 and will be making plans for participation in Community Day.

DEPUTY MAYOR POPKO: Deputy Mayor Popko said Community Day is scheduled for September 21, 2013.

The Environmental Commission is working on the Green Purchasing Policy and a resolution to ban cold tar asphalt from driveways and roads. In addition, they are working on plantings for the Northern Community Park gazebo which will be planned and designed by Jack Carman, Township Planner. Harvesting from the Community Garden is still going to St. Mary's and Holy Cross Food Banks and meal deliveries. Cut flowers are being delivered to Clare Estate Senior Assisted Living. They are working on a rain garden also being planned and designed by Jack Carman, Township Planner.

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Deputy Mayor Popko said she attended the Parks and Recreation Meeting. The dog park project is moving along.

She has been assisting Emergency Management Coordinator, Andrew Law, registering ordinances and plans for the State so that Hurricane Sandy Grant Funds can be obtained.

She has been working with Angel Sauro to get the website in order.

Deputy Mayor Popko said she attended the Public Transit River Line meeting. She commented that even though it could increase crime, we have a terrific police force here in the Township and added there are positives with mass transit.

A \$65,000 CDBG grant award was received for Northern Community Park.

The Township Committee was invited to the Christ Church in Bordentown City for the 200th Anniversary to memorialize Captain Edward McCall in the Naval Engagement of the War of 1812 which will be held on September 14, 2013.

She attended the Rutgers' Cooperative Extension Earth Station Open House in South Brunswick and connected with a member of the State Task Force on evasive species. They will come and eradicate the evasive species, depending on which ones they are.

There will be a second shredding day which will be held on November 2, 2013.

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

AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, Deputy Mayor Popko

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mayor Cann

DIANE HEINZ, 3 Hattaras Court: Ms. Heinz said she was before the Township Committee last month in regard to the flushing of the fire hydrants in Williamsburg Village. The Homeowners Association has been receiving a bill for service and asked what they are paying for. Bordentown City Water Authority owns the fire hydrants and the fire districts pay a fee for the hydrants. Williamsburg Village is the only private community that fire hydrants are not paid for by the fire district. Police Chief Nucera responded that there is a meeting on September 5, 2013 at Fire District #2 that he will be attending and he will address this matter. Deputy Mayor Popko will also be attending. The fire hydrants have since been flushed.

WALT KOSUL, 539 Route 206: Mr. Kosul asked who is paying the bills at the Waterfront Project. Police Chief Nucera said they received a check for \$250,000 for the federal transit village grant. Mr. Kosul asked if he could review the documents on the project that the Waterfront left. They will be open for public inspection.

LINDA MARCELLA, 116 Hedding Road: Ms. Marcella inquired about the resurfacing of Hedding Road and the bike path. Police Chief Nucera clarified that this will not be an exclusive bike path, it will be a share of the road bike lane. Curbs will also be repaired. Ms. Marcella inquired if the speed limit could be lowered on the road. Police Chief Nucera explained the process to her. Ms. Marcella added that the State Police speed down the road. P.W. Director Buhner explained the proposed by-pass road to her.

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WALT KOSUL, 539 Route 206: Mr. Kosul asked if there were any copies of the bike trail available. These maps are available for viewing in the Community Development office. The heritage trail is posted on the County website.

RICK ZENDROSKY, 112 Hedding Road: Mr. Zendrosky inquired about the e-mail notification listing on the website. Deputy Mayor Popko explained that there was a new webmaster appointed at the beginning of the year and, unfortunately, information was lost with the old webmaster. She asked Mr. Zendrosky to sign-up again.

Mr. Zendrosky also commented on the Hedding Road truck traffic and the sink hole. Police Chief Nucera said that he has contacted agencies to update GPSs to show Hedding Road as a 4-ton limit road.

Seeing no further comments, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting; seconded by Committeeman Feltes.

AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, Deputy Mayor Popko

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mayor Cann

At this time, Committeeman Benowitz made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that it does hereby recess the regular meeting to meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing IT Professional Service Contract Matter, Solid Waste Collection Contract Matter, and a Personnel Matter; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, Deputy Mayor Popko

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mayor Cann

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 9:36 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:28 pm.

At this time, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to authorize the Township Clerk to advertise solid waste collection bids; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, Deputy Mayor Popko

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mayor Cann

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At this time, Committeeman Benowitz made a motion to authorize the Acting Township Administrator to proceed with personnel actions as outlined by Attorney Kearns; seconded by Committeeman Moynihan.

AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, Deputy Mayor Popko

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mayor Cann

At this time, Committeeman Benowitz 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 Moynihan.

AYE: Committeeman Benowitz, Committeeman Feltes, Committeeman Moynihan, Deputy Mayor Popko

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mayor Cann

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown was adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.

JILL POPKO, DEPUTY MAYOR

COLLEEN M. ECKERT, TOWNSHIP CLERK