

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 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  
Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Elsasser  
Deputy Township Clerk Cindy Dziura  
Attorney Eileen Fahey

ABSENT: Township Clerk Colleen Eckert

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 passing of former President, George Herbert Walker Bush and condolences to his family.

Deputy Township Clerk Dziura 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:

- Personnel Matters
- Environmental Litigation

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

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NAY: None

The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown recessed their regular meeting at approximately 6:32 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at approximately 7:30 pm.

**Administration of Oath of Office to Taylor Zackman as Police Officer.** At this time, Deputy Township Clerk Dziura administered the Oath of Office to Taylor Zackman.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW**

Deputy Township Clerk Dziura announced there was nothing to report.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution #2018-337-8 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: PAYMENT OF BILLS.**

**Resolution #2018-337-9 entitled APPROVING THE TRANSACTION OF ITEMS OF ROUTINE BUSINESS: MINUTES OF MEETINGS.**

**Resolution #2018-337-10 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES.**

**Resolution #2018-337-11 entitled AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF PERMIT FEES.**

**Resolution #2018-337-12 entitled AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF POLICE RADIOS AND BATTERIES FOR THE BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**Resolution #2018-337-13 ESTABLISHING THE DATE AND TIME OF THE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2019.**

**Resolution #2018-337-14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES FOR RABIES CLINIC.**

Township Committee review and discussion of Consent Agenda Items Resolutions #2018-337-8 through #2018-337-14. CFO Elsasser announced that the bill from Hamilton Auto Clinic is being pulled from the bill list and it may be placed on the next bill list. There were no other 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.

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

NAY: None

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

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

Mayor Benowitz announced that the Township's 2019 Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2018 at 12:00 noon, and adopted by tonight's Resolution #2018-337-13.

**ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF REPORTS**

Administrator Theokas stated repaving projects have begun, and asked that all questions from residents be forwarded to him directly.

The next regularly scheduled Township Committee meeting (and the last one for 2018) is scheduled for December 17, 2018.

A box containing all the RFPs for 2019 is being distributed tonight to the Township Committee Members.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committeeman Kostoplis, Holliday, Mason, Deputy Mayor Fuzy, and Mayor Benowitz each gave their report.

**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

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SID MORGINSTIN, 849 East Drive: Mr. Morginstin asked if the Turnpike has cleaned up any hazardous material at the Dix Drive-In. Administrator responded, to the best of our knowledge; when the property was turned over to the Township, they were responsible of ensuring this. Mayor Benowitz added that the Township is looking to build soccer fields there.

Mr. Morginstin asked about semi-trucks parked overnight in the Shop-Rite parking lot. Mayor Benowitz responded that the Township will reach out again to make sure it stops.

Mr. Morginstin said he had concerns about paving project on East Drive. Administrator Theokas reached out to the Engineer. Mayor Benowitz stated that the 2017 and 2018 Road Programs, weather permitting, will be finished. Mr. Morginstin said that now that East Drive is smooth, he is afraid people will speed there.

RICHARD CARPENTER, 8 Willow Road: Mr. Carpenter said he lives next to the path that connects Willow Road to Joseph Lawrence Park. He asked if path will be regularly maintained by the Township because he continually the collects garbage left on the path or that it is thrown into his yard. Administrator Theokas will ensure the park access is maintained.

Mr. Carpenter also expressed concern about the speeding on Willow Road and asked if there could be a police presence for control. Administrator Theokas will speak to Police Chief Pesce.

Seeing no further comments, Committeeman Mason 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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CYNTHIA DZIURA, RMC, DEP. TOWNSHIP CLERK