

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE**

MARCH 12, 2024 – 4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

Jean Broadbent	<u> X </u>
Eveline Knowles	<u> absent </u>
Dawn R. Corlew	<u> absent </u>
Barry Helschein	<u> X </u>
Glenys Baulderstone	<u> X </u>
Hal Polon	<u> X </u>
Aundrea Munt	<u> absent </u>
Tom Munt	<u> absent </u>
Jeff Von Schmidt	<u> absent </u>

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT – PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY PROVIDED BY SENDING COPIES OF THE NOTICE OF MEETING TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY. THE NOTICE WAS POSTED AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK AND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

REGULAR MEETING

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: January 23, 2024

Hal Polon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, from the January 23, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Barry Helschein.

Jean Broadbent	<u> X </u>
Eveline Knowles	<u> absent </u>
Dawn R. Corlew	<u> absent </u>
Barry Helschein	<u> X </u>
Glenys Baulderstone	<u> abstain </u>
Hal Polon	<u> X </u>
Aundrea Munt	<u> absent </u>
Tom Munt	<u> absent </u>
Jeff Von Schmidt	<u> absent </u>

Chairperson Broadbent discussed that next weekend, March 24, 2024, is the annual Township Easter Egg Hunt at Corliss Lake Park and Recreation Area. Chairperson Broadbent discussed there are usually two different age groups.

Jeff Von Schmidt arrived at 4:34 pm.

Hal Polon inquired about Memorial Day weekend, and the Township’s plans for a Memorial Day event.

Chairperson Broadbent discussed that the Township will have a Memorial Day event with fireworks on May 25, 2024. She discussed that there will also be a DJ, a food truck from Saker Shoprite, and an ice cream truck. The rain date for this event is Sunday, May 26, 2024.

Chairperson Broadbent discussed that Jam Fam Productions will be holding a festival in the Township of Ocean on June 22, 2024. The event will run from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. She stated that once there is a flyer available for distribution, she will provide it to the Committee.

Chairperson Broadbent discussed that the state of New Jersey formed a group called Revolution NJ in anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the state. Chairperson Broadbent discussed that possibly the Township may be able to gather some ideas from this group.

Chairperson Broadbent discussed that the Township would want to work with the County, and State, to get as much assistance with the 150th event as possible.

Chairperson Broadbent discussed that Hal Polon found a 150th event that the Township of Cranford carried out as part of their Township celebration. The Township of Cranford had lawn sign decorations stating, “Happy 150th Birthday Cranford”, as part of their 150th celebration.

Hal Polon discussed that he has seen other 150th Township celebrations, such as, Allamuchy Township. Hal Polon stated that the Township dedicated an entire day to their 150th with things like fireworks, bands and DJs, craft vendors, food trucks, axe throwing, and children’s activities.

Hal Polon also discussed that he believes there should be Proclamations from the State, and County level.

Hal Polon discussed that if the Township does a time capsule the Township schools should be involved.

Barry Helsehein inquired on where a time capsule would be placed.

Jean Broadbent discussed that it would need to be placed somewhere on Township property.

Ken Boulderstone inquired as to whether Barry Helsehein had a suggestion on where the time capsule should go.

Barry Helsehein suggested placing the time capsule at the Veteran’s Park memorial.

Hal Polon discussed having an art contest of what residents think the Township will look like in the future, for example.

Hal Polon discussed having the Waretown Historical Society involved in the 150th celebration, and also suggested having Waretown Historical Society create a display for the 150th anniversary at the Little Red Schoolhouse Museum.

Hal Polon also discussed a slogan he found through Allamuchy Township, “Honoring the past, celebrating the present, looking towards the future.” He suggested this might be a nice slogan to possibly use on flyers.

Jeff Von Schmidt suggested placing the time capsule at the lake near the Little Red Schoolhouse Museum.

Glenys Boulderstone discussed that the Township of Ocean has many residents with significant ties to the Township as their families have been here for many years.

Chairperson Broadbent discussed that the County is looking to honor any residents in town that have celebrated their 100th birthday with a proclamation.

Glenys Boulderstone discussed that it would be ideal to honor those families with significant ties to the Township.

Barry Helsehein left the Special Events Committee meeting at 4:53 pm.

Chairperson Broadbent discussed that the Township of Ocean school district should be involved in the process early on. Chairperson Broadbent discussed that some ideas of how to get the children involved could be to have them write essays, participate in art contests, have the different grades of school children go to the Little Red Schoolhouse Museum for field trips.

Ken Boulderstone discussed that the Township could distribute miniature township flags celebrating the 150th anniversary.

Chairperson Broadbent discussed having an encampment come to Corliss Lake Park and Recreation Area to re-enact/explain what life as a soldier was like.

Chairperson Broadbent discussed there is a mobile New Jersey history trailer that can be booked through the state, and that is something the Township could book, as well.

Ken Boulderstone discussed that, as you walk along the Rail Trail in town, there are different points on the trail where snippets of a story written by a township resident depict what life was like in the township years ago.

Ken Boulderstone suggested having children write similar stories about what life is like for them now to be put in a time capsule as part of the 150th anniversary celebration.

Chairperson Broadbent discussed that the last piece of business for the Special Events Committee meeting was to vote on the winners of the Build a Snowman contest.

The Special Events Committee voted, and first place went to Emma & Daniel Collamer.

A “Snowman Spirit” award went to Johnny & Brynlee Atkinson.

Motion to Open for Public Comment:

No public was present at this meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Hal Polon made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Von Schmidt seconded the motion.

All in Favor: _____X_____ Opposed: _____

Meeting Dates 2024 – 4:30 pm

May 30, 2024

September 12, 2024

December 3, 2024

Signed and Submitted:

Amanda Bonfonti, Secretary

Date