

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING

May 11, 2017

7:00 pm

Call to Order

ROLL CALL: LoParo X Collamer X Wetter X

Flag Salute

STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending a copy 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

Committee Reports

Mayor – Tina Wetter

BUDGET

The budget being introduced tonight represents a remarkable job of balancing the needs of sustaining a professional municipal operation versus the financial realities of our taxpayers. It is a delicate balance between the two but I firmly believe we have struck that balance with the budget being introduced tonight.

There were some shortfalls in the budget last year and the Township Committee did make changes in those departments. One of the departments was the Construction Department, as building has gone down and Greenbriar is complete. There have been changes in the hours of some of the employees. The Township is saving by sharing services but it will also financially save money by cutting back the hours the Construction, Building, Plumbing, Electric, and Fire Sub codes will be working.

There are the annual costs of doing business that go up including healthcare and salaries. The Township does need to provide the items necessary for the departments to move forward such as the Police Department and items that are required for the Accreditation and the Fire Department purchasing the air packs, which are necessary and required by PEOSHA to do their job safely. Without the proper and appropriate equipment, the Township is exposed to potential financial fines.

The Township Committee along with the Township Finance Officer and Administrator have been working diligently to have the budget complete.

The budget will increase .0377 cents. The Township's average assessed home is \$268,000 and the tax rate increase will be 101.04 per year. This equates to \$1.94 per week per home. The average assessed home in Greenbriar is \$323,200 and the tax rate increase will be \$121.85. This equates to \$2.34 per week.

The public hearing on the budget will be on June 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm. There are two resolutions on the agenda tonight regarding the introduction of the budget.

Police Department – Unity Tour

The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness of Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty. The secondary purpose is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial and Museum.

The police ride 100 miles each day. The tour ends at National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Officers who have chosen to ride for the Ocean Township Police Department are Sargent Capaccio, Sargent Jarin, Patrolman Matelski and Patrolman Moller. We wish them all Godspeed and safe travels.

Committeeman – Ben LoParo

The Township had a productive meeting last week with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection regarding the Volunteer Way Extension. There will be a new snake study. The current snake studies show there are no snakes back there. The snakes have been eaten by coyotes, and there is also a fungal dermatitis the snakes have in Ocean County that kills them. The Township is trying to build the road without having to raise it 24 inches for snake holes, which will cut the cost of the road in half. The Township will have to reapply for the engineering studies. The Township will know in a few months. The meeting was more positive than negative.

T&M Engineering is going out to bid for soil samples on the dredging. The Township will absorb that cost.

The School Board has a special meeting this month debating whether to privatize the cafeteria or not. That meeting will be held on May 24, 2017. The three cafeteria companies the school is considering will be at the meeting. The school is losing \$150,000 a year in the cafeteria. The remedy would be to privatize the cafeteria and have no loss at all.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion to open Public Comment was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, thanked the Township Committee for changing the meeting time to 7:00pm and for the Police Department baseball cards.

Mrs. Doyle inquired about the Longshots liquor license renewal.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed Longshots is renewing their liquor license from last year. There is someone in the process of purchasing it. The new owner had to finalize the tax clearance

certificate and is now allowed to renew the liquor license for 2016-2017. The new owner will then file for the transfer and renew the license for 2017-2018.

Mrs. Doyle inquired if the new owner is purchasing the liquor license or the restaurant operation.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the liquor license is on the agenda tonight. The new owner is hoping to open the restaurant in a few months. The name of the establishment on paper is Breakers.

Mrs. Doyle inquired if there is anything planned for the Miranda Rays restaurant at Key Harbor Marina.

Committeeman LoParo discussed someone is supposedly looking at it.

Mrs. Doyle inquired if the budget detail will be on the website.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the budget will be posted on the Township website after the Township Committee votes on it tonight. It will also be in the newspaper, and a free copy is available at the Clerk's Office.

Mrs. Doyle discussed the Township spent the money for Volunteer Way on other things and inquired if the Township will have to bond again.

Committeeman LoParo discussed the Township is trying to figure out a way not to bond. The Township had a positive meeting with the Freeholder about it. There are other sources the Township can use. If the County wants to help, there are certain things they need in order to give the Township more money. If the snakes are out of the way. It will be \$2.5 million less, which is half.

Mrs. Doyle inquired if it was \$9 million for one mile.

Committeeman LoParo discussed, no, it was \$5 million for one mile. The Township cannot develop along the extension either, just where Shop Rite is.

Mrs. Doyle discussed the Oceanride bus is not running on July 4, 2017, as Ocean County Transportation is closed. The Waretown bus driver told Mrs. Doyle she could drive the residents on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 or Friday, July 7, 2017 instead.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed looking into rescheduling the July 4, 2017 bus trip.

Mrs. Doyle inquired if there will be trips to the mall in July and August, as the Township bus driver is not available.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Township does not have a backup bus driver but will ask the bus driver if she knows someone who could drive to the mall in July and August.

Mrs. Doyle discussed Mayor Tredy used to attend the Senior Advisory meetings and inquired if there is anyone from the Township that could attend. They are the third Monday of each month at 10:30am.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed if no one is available she could attend.

Mrs. Doyle discussed the women attending exercise class at the Community Center have been complaining about allergies and coughs. It looks like the vents are molded in the Senior Room and the small front room.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed they might be rusted but will have the Superintendent of Public Works look at them.

Mrs. Doyle inquired if the Community Center could have a defibrillator. A lot of old people are in there every day, from early in the morning to late night. Shop Rite has them.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio the Township has three vendors. All of them want employees trained on them.

Mayor Wetter inquired how expensive they are.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed they are over \$1,000. Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio will look into it and report back to the Committee.

Mrs. Doyle discussed the Township email regarding Oceanride has incorrect fees on it.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed it was brought to her attention and was corrected and resent out.

Pat Degan, Greenbriar Oceanaire Tennis Club, discussed everybody is thrilled to death with the Waretown Lake Tennis Courts. It has been a huge success and they are being utilized. Thank you to Mayor Wetter and Diane Ambrosio for your efforts. The Tennis Club greatly appreciates it.

The tennis courts at Sands Point Park have been painted with pickleball lines. Mr. Degan suggested either the pickleball lines or the tennis court lines be repainted a different color. It is a maze of confusion.

The Township Committee agreed to look into the pickleball lines.

Motion to close Public Comment was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2017 and March 30, 2017 was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Resolution 2017-201 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$3,492,629.91
Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Resolution 2017-202 **RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE READING OF THE BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**
Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Resolution 2017-203 **Authorizing the Municipal Budget of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey for fiscal year 2017. The Budget Summary will be published on May 17, 2017 in the Asbury Park Press Newspaper. The Public Hearing on the Budget Resolution will be held June 8, 2017 at the Municipal Building Meeting Room, 50 Railroad Avenue, Waretown NJ 08758 at 7:00 pm for final passage.**
Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.
Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

AGENDA

The below listed items are considered to be routine by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- 2017-204 Resolution authorizing a lien be place on 81 Oak Knoll Road in the amount of \$1,602.55
- 2017-205 Resolution authorizing a lien be place on 9 Privateer Drive in the amount of \$1,090.48
- 2017-206 Resolution authorizing the renewal of Longshots Sports Bar and Restaurant for 2016/2017
- 2017-207 Resolution authorizing Temporary 2017 Operating Budget and Temporary Water/Sewer appropriation for Operating Budget in the amount of \$253,940.00 and Utility Fund in the amount of \$45,936.94
- 2017-208 Resolution of the township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey recognizing May 31, 2017 as world Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Day
- 2017-209 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Proclaiming May 2017 as Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and prevention month
- 2017-210 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Proclaiming May 6–12, 2017 as National Nurses Week

- 2017-211 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey declaring April 2017 a National Distracted Drivers Month
- 2017-212 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey proclaiming May 10, 2017 as National School Nurse Day
- 2017-213 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey proclaiming May 7 – 13, 2017 as National Hurricane Preparedness Week
- 2017-214 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey proclaiming May 14 – 20, 2017 as National Women’s Health Week
- 2017-215 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey proclaiming May 22-28, 2017 National Healthy and Safe Swimming Week
- 2017-216 Resolution authorizing the return of escrow for Block 132, Lot 3 in the amount of \$2,951.25
- 2017-217 Resolution authorizing the hiring of a part-time dispatcher, Shawn C. Spina
- 2017-218 Resolution authorizing the disposal of surplus property of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey: miscellaneous office equipment and supplies, vehicles, gun racks, generator, assorted tools, and other various items
- 2017-219 Resolution authorizing the hiring of Seasonal Summer Employee in DPW, Christopher Scucci

Motion to approve Resolutions 2017-204 through 2017-219 was moved by

Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Resolution 2017–220

Resolution authorizing the Township Committee to move into Executive Session for the purpose of: Contractual

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to approve the below listed dates in 2017 for the use of the Community Center and Waretown Memorial Recreation Park:

1. Greenbriar Men’s Softball – Toumey Park – Ballfield June - September

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to move into Executive Session was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Motion to move into Open Session was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Township Attorney Christopher Dasti discussed in Closed Session the Township Committee discussed the PBA Contract and Township Attorney Dasti updated the Governing Body on a pending litigation matter.

Next Scheduled Meeting
June 8, 2017 – 7:00 pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was moved by Deputy Mayor Collamer, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date