

MEETING MINUTES

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
Workshop/BUSINESS MEETING
May 24, 2018**

Call to Order

ROLL CALL: BAULDERSTONE X LOPARO X COLLAMER 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

Workshop Items for Discussion

- Energy Aggregation Program

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Energy Aggregation Program representative sent a sample ordinance for the Township Committee to review and possible discuss at the next meeting. If the Township Committee decides to move forward, the ordinance will be heard at the next Township meeting. The ordinance will allow the program to proceed, by starting the investigation and communicating with the public.

The Committee discussed the program by introducing the ordinance. The Committee can still opt out of the program.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the consultants will go out to bid to get pricing from suppliers for the energy portion of the electric bill. Other towns have been very successful, lowering the cost of energy bills. If the bids come in higher than JCP&L, the Township will not move forward with the program. The residents of the Township opt into the program. Residents who do not want to be a part of the program must opt out.

If the Township Committee chooses to move forward with the program, there will be several meetings with the public throughout the Township, at different homeowners associations, Town Hall or the Fire House, to make sure everyone is informed. There will be several mailings prior to implementing the program, to make sure residents have the opportunity to opt out. Residents will be contacted several times to opt out before the program is implemented.

There are many Townships that have saved residents money on their electric bill. Commercial businesses are not involved. The next step is to bring the energy consultant back to the Township meeting on June 14, 2018, to further discuss how the Township would like to proceed.

The Township Committee discussed the savings can be up to 20%. Solar-powered homes are excluded from the program. If you have a power outage, you still call JCP&L.

Agenda

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio gave a brief overview of the agenda.

Resolution 2018-187 authorizes the hiring of a part-time Electrical Subcode Official. There needs to be a backup for when the Electrical Subcode is out. The new-hire also has a building HHS license and can backup for Building Code as well. The word Building Code should be added to the resolution.

There is a new law regarding maintenance guarantees. Resolution 2018-188 authorizes the Township Attorney to prepare performance and maintenance guarantees in accordance with the new law.

Resolution 2018-159 The Township received grant money for bullet-proof vests. The amount has to be added into the budget.

Resolution 2018-190 Required by the State of New Jersey. The Township received a grant for the Click It or Ticket Program for \$5,500, which will be added to the budget.

AT&T is replacing antennas on water towers. There is an increase in payments to the Township. Resolution 2018-192 authorizes the signing of the new lease.

Ordinance 2018-7 includes Special Law Enforcement Officer Class III, which will work in the school under a shared services agreement.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Roll Call: Boulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Sharon McKay, 5 Eagleswood Drive, discussed Greenbriar has Basic Generation Service (BGS) reduced rates for gas and electric, which the Township reimburses Greenbriar for, and inquired if the Township gets better rates than Greenbriar, do the residents of Greenbriar get to share in the lesser rate.

Deputy Mayor LoParo discussed Ms. McKay should come to the June 14, 2018 meeting and ask the energy consultant representative.

Kevin Kennedy, 136 Bayville Way, inquired if there are items added to the agenda that are not on the printed copy in the back of the room

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the only added item is the word, building, in Resolution 2018-187.

Mr. Kennedy discussed in previous years there was only one or two workshop meetings. Now there is one every month and inquired the reason for this.

Mayor Collamer discussed there are a lot of things to discuss and the gap of a month, at times, is too much. The Township Committee felt being available during the day would accommodate additional residents. The Township Committee really tries to be transparent and get the information out.

Mr. Kennedy discussed if there is an exception allowing political signs on public land. Candidates cannot put political signs on public lands or trees.

Township Attorney Chris Dasti discussed if Mr. Kennedy sees a violation of the ordinance, he should call the Code Enforcement Officer.

Thomas Flood, 381 Tuscarora Avenue, inquired how many Special Class III Officers will be hired and what is the training.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed the Governing Body has not determined that. The ordinance is adding that classification as a Township employee.

Mayor Collamer discussed that title has never been in the ordinance.

Mr. Flood is concerned the Class III officers will not be trained correctly.

Deputy Mayor LoParo discussed a Class III Officer is a state statute. Until June 30, 2018, a Class III Officer is a retired police officer within 5 years of retirement and an employee of the Police Department. The Police Department is responsible for his training and certification for the handgun or whatever he carries. The handgun stays in the police station after the school duties. The salary is not pensionable. The Board of Education will choose if they want to hire a Class III Officer, which will be hired through the Ocean Township Police Department. After June 30, 2018, the officer has to be within 3 years of retirement. The Officer has to be a retired Police Officer from New Jersey.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed these officers are retired from a full-time position, in good standing and have already gone through the Police Academy and training.

Mr. Flood discussed his background is in education and supports this ordinance.

Gary Schlyen, 19 Strathmere Street, requested the Township Committee reconsider the number of meetings held at noon time. It has a direct impact on the ability of working men and women in the Township to attend and be aware of the Township's business.

Mayor Collamer discussed the Township Committee will take Mr. Schlyen's suggestion under consideration. At this time there is a 7:00 pm meeting and a 10:00 am meeting.

Carla Lounsbury, 23 Dolphin, inquired if Resolution 2018-191 Executive Session discussion will include the Health Benefits to Retirees issue.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed he does not believe that is on the Executive Session agenda. Township Attorney Dasti is going to update the Township Committee on litigation matters and there is an update on contractual negotiations.

John Petrosili, 11 Vessel Road, discussed there is no mention of compensation in the Class III Officer ordinance.

Deputy Mayor LoParo discussed the exact number has not been decided yet.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed there will be a shared service agreement with the school board. There will be no benefits.

Mayor Collamer discussed the officer will be a Police Department employee that is compensated by the School Board, not by the Township. The School Board is going to reimburse the Township.

Mr. Petrosilli discussed there are rocks in front of the pavilion at the end of Bryant Road.

Mayor Collamer discussed a few residents came to a Township meeting inquiring how the Township would feel about starting a rock program, where people paint or decorate rocks and place the rocks at the end of Bryant Road. Mayor Collamer discussed he bought some rocks at Clayton Block and placed them at the end of Bryant Road yesterday for people to use. It brings the community together and people are having fun with it. It is a good program.

Nancy Caira, 103 Atlantic Avenue, discussed it is very hard to get to the daytime meetings. Ms. Caira has worked for a Township for 17 years. There is an understanding if you work hard for a long time, you are never going to be rich but you will be taken care of after retirement. Ms. Caira supports the employee having trouble with the retiree health benefits ordinance.

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Resolution 2018-187

Resolution authorizing the appointment of Charles F. Demey as back-up Part-Time Electrical/Building Sub Code Official for the Township of Ocean for the year 2018

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Resolution 2018-188

Resolution of the Township committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing preparation of performance and maintenance guarantees in accordance with recent amendments to the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Resolution 2018-189

Resolution authorizing the insertion of an item of appropriation for the US Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program in the amount of \$620.62

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Resolution 2018-190

Resolution authorizing the insertion of an item of appropriation for the New Jersey Division of Highway Safety-Click It or Ticket Program in the amount of \$5,500.00

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Resolution 2018-191

Resolution authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session: litigation, personnel, contractual matters

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Resolution 2018-192

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 1ST AMENDMENT TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN AND AT&T WIRELESS

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

ORDINANCE 2018-7 First Reading Title Only

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 61-4 ENTITLED "SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS"

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Motion to go into Executive Session:

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Motion to go into Open Session:

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Next Scheduled Meeting

June 14, 2018 – 7:00 pm – Township Business meeting

Adjournment:

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date