

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING July 12, 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

Committee Reports

Mayor – Dan Collamer

Ordinance 2018-9 - First Reading. The law changed regarding Subdivision, Site Plan bonds. This ordinance will bring the Township into compliance with the new law.

Resolution 2018-216. This resolution is a formality of an employee resignation. The Township is now advertising for a Plumbing Sub Code Official.

Resolution 2018-218. The Waretown Volunteer First Aid Department has requested a first responder vehicle to assist in answering calls. The Officer on shift will use the vehicle to go directly to the home and assess the patient. A vehicle from the Police Department is now available and will be transferred to the Waretown Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Resolution 2018-220, 2018-221, 2018-222. These resolutions place a lien on a property due to property maintenance issues. Once Code Enforcement has written the property owner and followed the procedures, the Township can clean the property and place a lien.

Resolution 2018-224. I am asking the Township Committee to support this resolution tonight. The Township has grown in population. Several members of the public have inquired with me regarding the possible expansion of the Township Committee.

This resolution allows for an Advisory Council to be formed to review the possible expansion of the Township Committee. The Advisory Task Force will be asked to investigate and analyze the benefits and detriments of expanding the Township Committee. The Advisory Council will make suggestions and recommendations as it deems appropriate to the Township's Governing Body by virtue of a written report. The Advisory Council could recommend an expansion of the governing body, or new form of government or even make the recommendation that the Governing Body should remain the same.

The members of the Advisory Council will receive no compensation.

Projects

Grand Bay Harbor Street End. The Bulkhead Company is placing cages at the end of the road as the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permit will allow. The Township wanted to have the cages higher to stop the erosion but the DEP changed the original application. This should be completed by next week.

Tractor Supply had their Ribbon Cutting on June 30th at 8:00 am. It was well attended.

Shredding – July 28th. This is handled by the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste. The Township provides a worker for the day. It is scheduled from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (or until the truck is full) in the Town Hall parking lot. Each vehicle is limited to 6 boxes or bags of documents.

Discussion:

I would like to have the Township introduce an ordinance regarding the operation of vehicles on flooded streets and roadways. They have completed the ordinance in Ship Bottom. There are sections of town that experience flooding at all times of the year. One section that comes to mind is Barnegat Beach and Sands Point. Though the Department of Public Works does go out and place cones and barricades, there are people who feel the need to go around them. This causes wakes in the water and can push the water into homes, vehicles and garages. I will distribute the Ship Bottom ordinance for everyone to review.

Deputy Mayor – Ben LoParo

Resolution 2018-215. This resolution authorizes the Shared Service Agreement between the Township of Ocean and the Ocean Township School District regarding a Class III Officer. The Township Committee, Township Administrator, Police Chief and the President of the Board of Education and school Superintendent have been working together to complete the process of having a Class III officer in the school district. There should be a Class III Officer on the first day of school.

An ordinance creating the position in the Township of Ocean has been completed. This shared service will be sent to the school for their approval. The Township will move forward with advertising for the position at this time. It has truly been a great team effort with all involved in the process.

Resolution 2018-219. This resolution authorizes the Municipal Alliance Grant to be placed in the 2018 Budget. This grant assists in funding after school programs and special events within the Township. The amount of \$21,786.00 will be available for use during this year.

Resolution 2018-226. The Township of Ocean works with Barnegat Township on employing lifeguards for the bay beach and lake. The Seasonal/Lifeguards have not had a raise since 2006. Lifeguard workers are paid for the time worked. There are no benefits.

Junior Police Academy. This week the Ocean Township Police Department conducted their Junior Police Academy. This is an outstanding program that was put together by the Police Department to allow children to experience the different aspects of being a police officer. This Friday will be graduation. Thank you again Chief Rogalski for keeping this program running forward. It is truly a community program that the children who attend absolutely enjoy.

Hooked on Fishing is sponsored by the Township of Ocean Municipal Alliance and will take place on Friday July 27th at Sands Point Park. Registration starts at 5:30 pm. Participants must bring their own bait and tackle. Prizes and light snacks will be given to the participants.

Summer Camp. Week One (1) average daily attendance was 37 children. Week Two (2) featured Jenkinson's Aquarium Penguin Pointers. Upcoming events are Jenkinson's Aquarium brings their touch tank program to the camp on Wednesday and Cloverdale Farms-Ocean County Parks will bring two programs to the camp on Thursday.

Golf Camp begins on July 10th and will be held every Tuesday at the Greenbriar Golf Course.

The Townwide Yard Sale has 45 houses registered and 20 residents are at the lake.

The NY Mets versus Phillie Phanatic trip on August 16th is now a double-header. It's \$54 for transportation and tickets to both games.

Committeeman – Ken Baulderstone

Resolution 2018-214. The Township will be accepting the 2017 Audit. The governing body has reviewed the Audit and I am happy to report there were no outstanding Comments or Recommendations made from the Auditor.

Ordinance 2018-8. The Township of Ocean has listed this ordinance for first reading. This is to allow for energy aggregation for cheaper rates on residential electric bills. The Township will join a co-op that will go out to bid for electric rates. The rate has to be lower than the utilities rate, per the state statute. If it is not lower the Township will not participate.

There will be Town meetings regarding the program. Once this ordinance is introduced, the community outreach will be arranged. The Township Committee has discussed arranging them in different sections of the Township. If a resident does not want to participate they have the opportunity to opt out of the program. There are no fees, no cancellation fees, no termination fee, and no fee to switch in and out of the program at a later date.

Resolution 2018-255 authorizes the Township to send estimated tax bills. Due to the State of New Jersey changing the funding for school districts, the tax rates for municipalities have not been certified. The Township will send out estimated tax bills. Once the tax rate has been certified by the County Tax Board, the Township will send the annual tax bills. Any adjustment to the tax bill will be noted on the 4th quarter.

I would like to congratulate Jeanne Broadbent on the success of the Independence Day Celebration event at the Waretown Lake on June 30th. Thank you to all participants in making this a very special way of celebrating our Nation's birthday.

As the grandparent of two (2) recruits attending the Junior Police Academy, I would like to thank Police Chief Michal Rogalski and his team for conducting such a fun-filled program. It is a real hit with the recruits.

Resolution 2018-224, establishing an Advisory Council on the membership of the Township Committee. It is not clear how this proposal benefits the residents of the Township and why at this time we would be considering investing time and expense on this matter. I do not know what problem this proposal is intended to address. Perhaps rather than introducing a Committee to come up with a solution, it may be better to define the problem, whatever it is. There are far more demanding issues that need to be addressed.

The most important is how to attack the problem of lack of development in the Township, which has resulted in the lowest growth rate of ratables in recent history. As expenses continue to grow, unless the Township acts urgently to grow ratables, the residents will face unacceptable increases in property taxes. The 2017 ratable growth was \$9.7 million or 0.75% on the base of \$1.31 billion, down from the growth of \$20.7 million or 1.62% in 2016.

The Township enjoyed a healthy growth rate in a ratable base from 2002 until Superstorm Sandy, due to the continued build out of Greenbriar Oceanaire, with a big growth of \$69 million in 2007. During 2014-2016, the average ratable growth continued to be 1.47%. Rather than spending our limited resources on rejiggering the Township Committee, I think we should be reintroducing the Economic Development Committee to refocus on attracting developers to the Township and building out the commercial strip on Route 9 and finishing the development in the Town Center. The Township needs commercial development that will bring high-paying jobs to the Township for our residents and revitalize the sagging residential market. The Township could use a medical pavilion, office park, professional office complex and possibly a light industrial one. The Township needs the resources to promote the opportunities to developers to compete with other Townships that are making investments in economic development.

Chief of Police – Michal Rogalski

Chief Rogalski read the June 2018 Police Report. The Police Department handled 3,574 calls for police service. Last year's amount for this time period totaled 2,661. That is a 29% increase. Of those calls, six were abandoned 911 calls, 28 alarms were activated and responded to, 23 animal complaints were handled, 1,781 business checks, 3 criminal mischief acts were investigated, 13 domestic violence, verbal disputes and/or harassment complaints were handled, 11 disabled vehicles were assisted, 2 drunk drivers were taken off the road, 4 drug arrests, 85 first aid calls, 45 general complaints were responded to, 16 motor vehicle accidents, 525 motor vehicle stops of which 146 were issued summons, 1 PESS evaluation, 22 persons were arrested on various warrants, 1 robbery, 51 suspicious persons or vehicles were investigated, and 8 thefts from residents and/or commercial properties.

Chief Rogalski discussed he has been accepted into the Fight Crime and Invest in Kids Council for a strong America, which is an organization made up of the Nation's Leading Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, Prosecutors and Crime Survivors from across the country, who are working to prevent crime and increase public safety by promoting evidence-based solutions that steer kids away from crime and towards productive lives. These programs include high-quality early care and education, voluntary parent coaching, effective in-school and after-school programs and programs that identify and help troubled kids. The organization works to educated policy makers through letters from influential community leaders, opinion editorials in local newspapers and briefings and meetings with legislators. We will now

have the opportunity to weigh in on evidence-based programs that steer kids away from crimes, which is a benefit to the kids in Waretown.

Chief Rogalski discussed he called the state to report the Township will no longer be participating in the Cops In Shops grant program, due to the unforeseen circumstances that occurred at the liquor store with the fire. Chief Rogalski was told by the state that this will not negatively impact the Township for future funding. There is a new grant opportunity open in August for funding for the college winter break. The Township will not be applying for that, as the business will not be open by then. The Township will apply next summer.

The project on transitioning the Police Department to 9mm handguns is complete. All officers are certified. The handguns are operational. The old handguns have been returned to New York.

Conductive Energy Device (CED) Taser Program. The Township has 4 current operators. That program will be going into effect later this month.

Mayor Collamer congratulated Chief Rogalski on his acceptance into the Fight Crime and Invest in Kids Council.

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

Aaron Shapiro, 17 Sea Girt Lane, discussed he is concerned about Resolution 2018-224 regarding the membership of the Township Committee. This resolution was not successful 15 years ago. Mr. Shapiro discussed there is no advantage of changing the Township Committee at this time, when there are many other problems within the Township that need attention.

Thomas Flood, 381 Tuscarora, discussed he agrees with Committeeman Boulderstone regarding Resolution 2018-224.

John Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, discussed Resolution 2018-224. This matter did not get a good response many years ago. It needs to be put on the back burner, as there are other pressing matters in the Township going on.

Mr. Petrosilli discussed the Galley Grill at the end of Bryant Road is becoming an eyesore. The weeds need to be trimmed.

Mayor Collamer discussed he will have Code Enforcement inspect the property.

Kevin Kennedy, 136 Bayville Way, inquired if there has been anything added to the agenda.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed at this time, no. The Township Committee will be going into Executive Session this evening.

Mr. Kennedy inquired if the Township Committee approves Resolution 2018-224 regarding expanding the Township Committee to five members, what is the next step.

Mayor Collamer discussed the Township Committee would make a decision to consider it and decide to take action or not.

Mr. Kennedy inquired if the action would be a ballot question.

Mayor Collamer discussed, no.

Mr. Kennedy recommended Georgette Boden to the Advisory Council on the Membership of the Township Committee. Mrs. Boden would like to be considered.

Angie Roche, Waretown First Aid Squad, discussed Resolution 2018-218. In June 2018, 69 of the 85 first aid calls were taken by the Waretown First Aid Squad. That is the highest month of answering calls since the daytime coverage was discontinued. Many of the first responders last month were responding in their personal vehicles, which is why an extra vehicle is being requested. The Waretown First Aid Squad appreciates the consideration and Chief Rogalski's ability to help out.

Mayor Collamer thanked the Waretown First Aid Squad for all they do.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, discussed the last time an Advisory Board on the Membership of the Township Committee was considered was 2010. Mrs. Doyle discussed she is not in favor of the resolution. Mrs. Doyle inquired how it is decided on who is appointed on the Advisory Committee. It is unfair that there are all Republicans on all the Committees. Should the resolution pass, the Township should make an effort to have Democrats, Republicans and Undeclared members on the Advisory Committee. Mrs. Doyle discussed Democrats are not appointed on Committees.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio suggested Mrs. Doyle fill out a Citizen Leadership form.

Mayor Collamer discussed the resolution contains criteria for selecting the people who will participate.

Mrs. Doyle discussed being against the Energy Aggregation program, as there are going to be a lot of confused people who do not understand how to opt out. It is unfair to give the residents' right to pay bills to the Township.

Mayor Collamer discussed the Township intends to do its best to make all the information available through public forums, so all residents have the opportunity to learn everything about it.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed there will be meetings at the Community Center and mailings to the residents. There will be times the residents can come to Town Hall, the Community Center or to the Greenbriar Club House to opt in or out.

Committeeman Baulderstone discussed the Township has requested feedback forms for the attendees to fill out at the meetings. The Township Committee will be considering the information collected from those forms. This program will not be implemented if it is unpopular with the residents.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio answered Mrs. Doyle's question from the last meeting, regarding the Oceanride shopping trips that fall on Christmas and New Year's Day. Those trips will be rescheduled for Wednesday of the same week. If Oceanride cannot reschedule, than the Township bus will take the residents shopping the Wednesday after Christmas and New Year's Day and on Election Day.

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

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

Motion to approve: Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2018

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

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

Resolution 2018-213 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$748,596.68

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

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

Resolution 2018-214

Authorizing the acceptance of the 2017 Audit and that the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations"

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

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

Resolution 2018-215

Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the execution of an interlocal Shared Service Agreement with the Ocean Township Board of Education to provide for Class III Police Officers for the School District

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

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

Ordinance 2018-8 – 1st Reading Title Only

An Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey establishing an Electric and/or Natural Gas Aggregation Program

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

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

Ordinance 2018-9 – 1st Reading Title Only

Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending Chapter 340 of the Township Code of the Township of Ocean with respect to Subdivision & Site Plan Review

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

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

CONSENT 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.

- 2018-216 Resolution accepting a resignation of the Plumbing Sub Code Official
- 2018-217 Resolution authorizing the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company fundraiser at Waretown Memorial Park
- 2018-218 Resolution authorizing a First Responder Vehicle for the Waretown Volunteer First Aid Squad
- 2018-219 Resolution authorizing the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2018 budget in the amount of \$21,786.00 from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse – FY 2019 Municipal Alliance Grant
- 2018-220 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing a lien be placed on 19 Nautilus Road in the amount of \$1,441.95
- 2018-221 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing a lien be placed on 10 Point Road in the amount of \$458.12
- 2018-222 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing a lien be placed on 6 Pirate Drive in the amount of \$540.44

Motion to approve Resolutions 2018-216 through 2017-222

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

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

Resolution 2018-223

Resolution authorizing the Township Committee for Executive Session to discuss: Contracts, Litigation and Personnel Matters

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

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

Resolution 2018-224

A Resolution establishing the 2018 Township of Ocean Advisory Council on the Membership of the Township Committee

No motion was made by Township Committee. Resolution failed.

Resolution 2018-225

Resolution of the Township of Ocean authorizing the Township of Ocean Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills in accordance with PL 1994.C.72

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

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

Resolution 2018-226

Resolution authorizing compensation for part-time seasonal Lifeguards

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

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

Motion to approve: Waretown Volunteer Fire Company Social Affairs permit for the Annual Poker Run on August 12, 2018 with a rain date of August 19, 2018

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

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

Motion to approve: Trident Multisport Triathlon on August 12, 2018 from 7:30 am – 10:00 am.

The multisport event will start and finish at the Citta Boy Scout Camp.

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

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

Motion to approve the below listed dates in 2018 for the use of the Community Center, Waretown Memorial Recreation Park, Toumey Park and ballfield:

Tinkergarten – Tuesday June 6th – July 31st 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Lorraine Flohr – July 8, 2018

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 Meetings

July 26, 2018 – 10:00 am – Workshop/Business Meeting – *If necessary*

August 9, 2018 – 7:00 pm – Regular 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