

# MEETING MINUTES

## TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING October 11, 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

### Presentation

#### Proclamation – National Friends of Libraries Week

Mayor Collamer read and presented the National Friends of Libraries Week Proclamation to Kathy Rohowy and Linda Blakey of Ocean County Library, Waretown Branch.

### Committee Reports

Mayor – Dan Collamer

Ordinance 2018-15 – First Reading. This ordinance is being introduced by the Township Committee that amends the Township code with respect to connection fees for sewer and water usage in account with the recently enacted law. This law requires municipalities to provide a reduction in the amount of connection fees for affordable housing units, as well as requiring other changes.

Resolution 2018-265 & 271 authorizes the signature and approval of the Department of Public Works Employees contract under the General Laborers Union Local 172 of South Jersey. It is a 5 year contract that will end on December 31, 2022. The Township was able to negotiate the health benefits upon retirement. This will result in a cost savings to the Township. The employees will receive a 2% increase each year of the contract.

Resolution 2018-271 authorizes the titles of each employee in the contract. This will assist in having employees work within their title and not out of title. This has been a situation in the past and is addressed and rectified in this contract. I would like to thank all of the people involved in the negotiation of the contract for their professionalism and willingness to work together for the employees and the Township.

Resolution 2018-269 proclaiming October 7th–13th as Fire Prevention Week. The Volunteer Fire Department will be visiting each of the grammar schools this week. Please be reminded to check the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. If the detectors are 10 years old, they should be replaced.

Resolution 2018-270 authorizes a lien be placed on 2 South Olympia in the amount of \$465.40 for failure to abate property violations.

Resolution 2018-274 I attended a meeting regarding the possibility of an offshore wind generation project. It is anticipated that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities was opening the bidding process. The interconnection would necessitate an underground cable to run north from the offshore wind lease area located off the coast of Atlantic City and would come on shore and possibly run to the location of a new substation located at the Oyster Creek power plant location. The Orsted Company would like to meet with Township professionals and staff to determine potential connection points at the expense of Orsted. This resolution authorizes setting up sufficient funds to compensate the municipality.

NJ Department of Transportation – Roadway Improvement Program – Sheridan Street, Illinois Avenue, Adriatic Avenue and portions of Michigan Avenue, Kennedy Drive and Lincoln Drive. The contractor is wrapping up drainage work on Sheridan Street this week and will be proceeding with drainage work on Illinois Avenue next week. T&M Engineering will discuss the anticipated paving schedule with the contractor and the Township.

Tradewinds at Waretown. As of October 4, 2018, the roadway/parking lot base paving is now complete, and the developer has begun foundation work for the first 2 buildings.

#### Deputy Mayor – Ben LoParo

Ordinance 2018-16 – First Reading. This ordinance establishes the procedure for promotions for the position of Sergeant and above, not including Chief of Police. Last year the Township interviewed for a new Chief of Police using a new procedure that involved the New Jersey Chief's Association. The Township Committee found the process supportive and fair. At this time, the Township Committee will be using the same process when making Superior Officer promotions in the future. This will be adopted by ordinance and placed in the Township Code Book. An updated procedure is also required for the Accreditation of the Police Department.

Resolution 2018-275 approves the funding for the 2019 966 Grant. The Office of Emergency Management will receive 1 portable radio and 1 all-band mobile radio, Waretown Fire Department will receive 1 portable radio, Waretown First Aid will receive batteries for pagers and portable radios in an amount not to exceed \$26,853.00.

#### Police Department

The Halloween Moonwalk will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The families will line up in the Town Hall parking lot at 6:30 pm and the walk starts at 7:00 pm. Wear your costumes. They will walk down the rail trail towards Country Lane. At that parking area the Township will have tables setup to give out treats for the children. The Police Department, Town Hall, Volunteer Fire Department and Waretown Volunteer First Aid will be giving treats to the participating children. This was done last year and enjoyed by all who participated.

Project Medicine Drop “Fall Clean Up” will take place on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am–2pm at CVS Pharmacy in Waretown. Turn in your unwanted, unused or expired medication for safe disposal. Please be reminded in the Police Department’s vestibule there is a 24 hour Medication disposal box. If you cannot attend on October 27<sup>th</sup>, there is always one available.

The Municipal Alliance will hold their first meeting of the school year on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. This will be their reorganization meeting.

The Township Food & Toy Drive will start November 1<sup>st</sup>. If there is a business in town that would like to place a toy/food box at their business, please let the town know. Boxes will be placed at Town Hall, the Police Department, and Construction & Zoning Office. Greenbriar Oceanaire and the Ocean County Library Waretown Branch have each requested drop boxes at their locations.

#### Committeeman – Ken Boulderstone

Ordinance 2018-17 – First Reading. New Jersey state law requires that each municipality have a salary ordinance. The salary ordinance only establishes a salary range for positions in the Township. This ordinance is updated every 5–7 years.

Ordinance 2018-18 – First Reading. This ordinance will adopt a table of organization for the employees of the Township of Ocean other than the Township’s Police Department. The Police Department has a separate organizational chart that has been updated at the last meeting.

Resolution 2018-266 authorizes the Township to enter into a co-op, Monmouth Ocean Area Energy Cooperative and sign the necessary documents to proceed. As discussed in previous meetings, the Township is continuing to pursue the cost savings to residents through the Government Energy Aggregation Program. There have been four meetings held: Greenbriar Oceanaire, Firehouse, Skipper’s Cove, Senior Health Fair and Community Center in Pebble Beach. The response in each of the meetings was favorable. This is the next step in the process of the program.

Resolution 2018-267 authorizes the Clerk/Administrator to advertise for professional services for the year 2019. The proposals are being solicited thru a “Fair and Open Process” as required by New Jersey State Law.

Bond Sale. On October 4, 2018 the Township successfully conducted a \$8,170,000.00 General Obligation Bond Sale. The sale consisted of \$5,550,000.00 of General Improvement Bonds and \$2,620,000.00 in Water/Sewer Utility Bonds.

The Township received three bids of which the top bid reflected a "net true interest cost" of 3.321% over the life of the issue. This rate was influenced by a favorable Moody's bond rating (Aa3), which in part was attributable to the financial stability of the Township over the last two budget years. The bonds being issued are not increasing the Township's statutory debt.

The proceeds are mainly refunding previously issued short term Notes of \$7,714,000 (\$7,570,000 Bonds and \$144,000 Net Bond Sale premium). The remaining \$600,000 in funding proceeds are for projects currently planned in 2018/2019 (Ordinances 2006-27 Improvements to Volunteer Way (100,000) and 2018-03 Various Improvements (500,000)).

Upon completion of this sale, The Township will have no previously issued short-term obligations outstanding, which will help stabilize future debt service budgets. It is also noteworthy that the bonds have a "callable" feature, which gives us the option to refund these bonds starting in 2026 if market conditions are favorable.

Resolutions 2018-272 & 273 authorize the Tax Collector to refund overpayments as required by state law.

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted Hayride at the Waretown Lake. This community event is a fundraiser for the Founders Day Event and The Waretown Volunteer Fire Company. On October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm–10pm, enjoy a tractor pulled hayride around the “Haunted Waretown Lake”. The cost is \$10.00 per adult and \$8.00 per child (12 years and under). A person can pay for an Express Ghost Pass for \$25.00 per person. This allows a person to go directly to the front of the line.

I would like to thank, in advance, all the volunteers who go and work to make this a successful community event. Please come out and support this fundraiser and vote for your favorite skit. The skits are working very hard to win the first prize of \$500.00. The awards will be announced at the Fire Company’s Halloween Parade. The parade takes place on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

This year, due to the detour, the children will line up at the Ballfields on Railroad Avenue at 12:45 and at 1:00 pm march to the Firehouse. The Fire Company provides a snack for the participants as well as a medal. All are welcome to attend the event. Please come and find out who won the prizes at the Haunted Hayride. Currently the Township has sponsors for \$3,375.00. The biggest contribution is \$500 from Exelon and \$500 from JCP&L.

#### Chief of Police - Michal Rogalski

Chief Rogalski read the September 2018 Police Report. The Police Department handled 3,674 calls for police service, 32 alarms were activated and responded to, 18 animal complaints were handled, 1,958 business and property checks, 4 criminal mischief acts were investigated, 15 domestic violence incidents, 6 disabled vehicles were assisted, 2 drunk drivers, 14 drug arrests, 81 first aid calls, 49 general complaints, 22 motor vehicle accidents, 496 motor vehicle stops of which 129 were issued tickets, 1 juvenile complaint, 3 psychiatric evaluations (PESS), 22 persons were arrested on various warrants, 3 shoplifting incidents, 63 suspicious persons or vehicles were investigated, 2 thefts from residents and 1 theft from a motor vehicle were investigated. A full list of this activity is listed on the website.

Officer Preizer has been at the school since the first day of school. Chief Rogalski has been in communication with the Superintendent, Dr. Lommerin. Officer Preizer is fitting in quite well and is part of the family. Officer Preizer went on vacation and upon return to the school, some of the kids were super excited and told him “We’re so glad your back”. Yesterday, a family made brownies for him and wrote him a note saying “Thank you for all that you do”. Mr. Preizer visited a Pre-Kindergarten class and was given a note signed by all the students.

The Route 9 detour is effecting everyone. The patrol officers are effected more than anyone else. The detour went into effect the night of September 21, 2018. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, extra personnel was brought in to deal with the initial traffic complaints and help with the United Methodist Church pedestrian crossing. During the weekend and days after, over 100 phone calls in reference to the detour were handled individually and sent to the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT), the Earle Company, Ocean County Engineers Office and the Police Department’s local Traffic Safety Department. On Sunday, September 23, 2018, I ordered each of the patrol officers to conduct two safety traffic details per

shift, within the detour zone. Those details included utilizing the hand-held radar, monitoring of traffic lights and monitoring the flow of traffic in and around the Skippers Cove entrance. On September 23-29, 2018, there were 41 individual details totaling 20 hours and 24 minutes, in that zone, trying to deter and solve the problems that were occurring. On September 27<sup>th</sup>, I ordered Lt. Murphy and Sgt. Jarin, Traffic Safety Supervisor, to meet with representatives from NJDOT, Earl Supervisor and Ocean County Engineers Office, to discuss several issues to improve the detour.

**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

Eileen Doyle, 243 11<sup>th</sup> Street, discussed the speeding on Main Street. Chief Rogalski discussed perception is hard to gage, especially if you are standing still. The radar detector has not detected anyone going over 40 mph. Mrs. Doyle inquired if the bridge between Long Key Marina and the Library is strong enough.

Chief Rogalski discussed the County Engineer's office stated it can hold 15 tons, which will hold a fully-loaded transit bus. Trucks have driven over it, with signage asking them not to. Most of the heavy truck traffic is for ShopRite. ShopRite has notified their distributors. Mayor Collamer discussed there is signage on Route 9 at West Bay Avenue and also Lacey Road, suggesting heavier loads use the parkway.

Mrs. Doyle thanked the Township Committee for putting a bench at the end of Waretown Dock. What a beautiful spot that is. A few Township issues are there is no visibility on the Southeast corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street at Main Street. The vegetation needs to be cut back. The Senior Center front door gets stuck sometimes. The back door has to be pushed closed from the outside and is probably left open. The gutters over the back door need to be cleaned, it is like a waterfall. Mrs. Doyle inquired how many people attend the Energy Aggregation meetings.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Police check the doors every night. Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed there were 4 people at the Pebble Beach meeting, 13 at Skippers Cove, 30 at the Firehouse, and 30 at Greenbriar.

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

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

**Resolution 2018-264** Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$353,099.37

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

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

**Ordinance 2018-15 – First Reading – Title Only**

Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, amending and supplements Article 400 of the Township of Code, Entitled “Water and Sewer”

Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-15 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

**Ordinance 2018-16 – First Reading – Title Only**

Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 61 of the Township Code of the Township of Ocean to establish the procedure for Promotions for Positions of Sergeant and Above, not Including Chief of Police

Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-16 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

**Ordinance 2018-17 – First Reading – Title Only**

Ordinance amending an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance fixing and determine the annual salaries and wages of certain officials and Township Employees, and setting forth and hourly rate for Temporary seasonal employees of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey

Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-17 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

**Ordinance 2018-18 – First Reading – Title Only**

Ordinance of the Township of Ocean County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Establishing a Table of Organization for the Employees of the Township of Ocean other than the Township’s Police Chart

Motion to approve Ordinance 2018-18 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

**Resolution 2018-265**

Resolution authorizing the Contract Agreement for the Construction and General Laborers Union Local 172 of South Jersey – Department of Public Works employees for December 1, 2018 – December 31, 2022

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

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

**Resolution 2018-266**

Resolution of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the signing of Government Energy Aggregation Program agreements

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

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

**Resolution 2018-267**

Resolution authorizing the Township Clerk to advertise Request for Proposals for professional positions for the year 2019

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.**

- 2018-268 Resolution proclaiming the month of October 2018 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the County of Ocean and encourages all residents to get an exam for breast cancer
- 2018-269 Resolution proclaiming the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> as Fire Prevention Week
- 2018-270 Resolution authorizing a lien be placed on 2 South Olympia Drive in the amount of \$465.40 for failure to abate violations
- 2018-271 Resolution authorizing titles for the Department of Public Works for the year 2018
- 2018-272 Resolution authorizing the refund of overpayment in the amount of \$77.04 to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
- 2018-273 Resolution authorizing the refund of overpayment in the amount of \$23.75 to Mollie Adoni
- 2018-274 Resolution authorizing Township Professionals and Staff to meet with ORSTED Wind at Orsted Sole Cost and Expense
- 2018-275 Resolution authorizing insertion of special item of revenue for New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) – 966 in the amount of \$26,853.00

**Motion to approve Resolutions 2018-267 through 2017-275**

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

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

**Resolution 2018-276**

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

**Motion to approve: Steven Ciangetti to the New Jersey State Fireman's Association**

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

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

**Motion to approve the below listed dates in 2018 & 2019 for the use of the Community Center, Waretown Memorial Recreation Park, Toumey Park and ballfield:**

1. Lord of Lords Bible Church – October 21, 2018
2. Luanne Rickmers – November 11, 2018
3. Democratic Club of Waretown – October 26, 2018
4. Township of Ocean Republican Organization – October 19, 2018
5. Waretown First Aid Squad – September 22, 2018

2019

1. Holly Auxiliary of SOMC Foundation – 4<sup>th</sup> Wed
2. Waretown Thunder Softball- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday
3. Regular Republican Organization of Ocean Township – Last Tuesday
4. Waretown Democratic Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
5. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Crochet Club – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
6. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Sit & Be Fit Exercise Class and Card playing – Mon & Thurs
7. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Zumba – Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
8. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Mahjong – Tuesday
9. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Zumba Tone Class – Tuesday
10. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Card Playing – Tuesday
11. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Chair Exercise – Tuesday
12. Twp of Ocean Recreation – knitting - Wednesday
13. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Water Color Painting Class – Wed., Thurs. & Fri.
14. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Line Dancing – Fridays
15. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Mahjong – Wednesday
16. Twp of Ocean Recreation – WII Bowling/Cards – Wednesday
17. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Exercise – Move Today
18. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Zumba Gold – Wednesday
19. Twp of Ocean Recreation – Senior Advisory Committee

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Boulderstone  
Roll Call: Boulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Collamer: Yes

Deputy Mayor LoParo discussed Brick Township is suing the State of New Jersey over the amount of School Aid the Township has lost and inquired if that is something the Township could do and what is the feasibility of winning. The Township has lost over 4% of funding.

Township Attorney McGuckin discussed, yes, the Township can do it, and the feasibility of winning is extremely unlikely. There is a bill asking to not impose that drastic cut on municipalities still recovering from Superstorm Sandy, with respect to the ratable base. The bill is starting to generate interest.

**Motion to move into Executive Session:**

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

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

**Motion to move into Open Session:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION 2018 - 277**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, INC., UNDER A "NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS" TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP'S WATER UTILITY CONSULTANT FOR THE BALANCE OF 2018

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

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

**Next Scheduled Meetings**

November 8, 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