

MEETING MINUTES

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
BUSINESS MEETING
February 14, 2019**

Call to Order

ROLL CALL: DODD X BAULDERSTONE X LOPARO 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

Committeeman – Lydia M. Dodd

The Rabies Clinic was held on February 9, 2019. During the event 133 dogs and 40 cats received free rabies vaccinations. Town Hall was open for residents to license their pets. On that day 59 dogs and cats were licensed. As of today's date 478 dogs and 104 cats have been licensed in 2019. The totals for 2018 were 860 dogs and 182 cats were licensed. I would like to thank the Board of Health, Southern Regional High School Students and Dr. Andrew Wurst, who volunteered their time to assist in this important event.

Last year the Township instituted a Vacant Property Registration Ordinance (2017-15). The Township has been successful in having the properties pay the fees and register vacant properties. This assists Code Enforcement to have the proper information when a property is not maintained. There were a total of 59 properties registered in 2018. This assists in companies wanting to sell the properties, instead of paying the increasing fees. A letter will be sent to the properties for renewal at the fee of \$2,000 per property.

Update:

The Route 9 bridge work has been completed and the detour has ended. The New Jersey Department of Transportation will continue working on the bridge for approximately a year, again depending on the weather.

Buy Rite Liquors has been demolished. The plans for the new building have been submitted by the owner and are under review at this time.

On Sunday, March 17, 2019, from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm the Historical Society will be giving a presentation on the history of the Garvey and Skiff Building in the Ocean County Area. The speaker will be Bill Irving, Announcer and Spokesman of the New Jersey Speed Garvey Association. Mr. Irving has an easy storytelling style. He will bring models, photos and clippings. The program is free. Seating is limited. Please text the President of the Historical Society for reservations at (609) 661-1733.

Deputy Mayor – Ken Baulderstone

Ordinance 2019-1 – 2nd Reading – Public Hearing. Tonight the Township will have a Public Hearing on the ordinance to create the Economic Development Committee. The ordinance outlines the functions of the Committee. Upon approval of the ordinance tonight and publication, the Township Committee will review the Citizen Leadership forms and will appoint members to the Committee at the March 14th meeting.

Ordinance 2019-2 – 1st Reading – Title Only. The Township Committee will be voting on an ordinance for a Municipal Wildfire Safety Council. This council will coordinate wildfire prevention efforts within the Township. The ordinance outlines the purpose and duties of the council. The second reading, Public Hearing will be on March 14th. Anyone wishing to be considered for the council, will need to submit a Citizen Leadership Form to the Clerk's Office.

Resolution 2019-131 authorizes a leak credit for 8 Reno Drive. This is a section of Barnegat that is part of the Utility Department service area. The leak was on the Township side of the meter.

Resolution 2019-132. Resolution granting preliminary and final utility approvals for Walters Homes Cornerstone at Waretown apartment project. This was previously referred to as the Waretown Family Apartments. Their plans have been reviewed by the Township Engineer. There was a preconstruction meeting on Tuesday regarding the project. Walters received the funding for the project. It consists of 54 low and moderate affordable income housing. This was part of the settlement with the courts regarding the Township's Affordable Housing. They have filed for their tree clearing permit. Once it has been approved the site work will start immediately. The project should take 16 months to complete, weather permitting.

Department of Public Works

The Township's salt shed has been completed. Additional salt has been delivered. This project was completed in-house. The employees did a great job handling this project. Thank you Department of Public Works (DPW). DPW salts on required occasions.

The holiday tree collection is complete. The trees were picked up curbside and chipped. Leaf pick up is complete at this time. Leaf pick up will resume by section starting the week of March 11th. This information is on the Township calendar. A concrete block wall has been added to the leaf bin at the Waretown Lake.

DPW completed emergency water repairs in the Pebble Beach section of town on Seneca Boulevard and Pohatcong Avenue. Sewer pipes have been jetted and cleaned on several streets in Pebble Beach. The storm drain on Bayview Drive has been replaced. DPW also plans to paint the hallway in the Community Center and disconnect the electricity in the old construction trailer.

Recreation/Special Events

The Senior Advisory Committee meeting program on February 25, 2019 will be the Halifax Connection to Titanic presented by Sandy Gray.

Snowman Building Contest. Each entrant must build his or her snowman November 1, 2018 to March 1, 2019. The snowman must be built in the Township. Entry photos must be dropped off at the Clerk's Office or emailed to Jean Broadbent to recreation@twpoceannj.gov by March 2, 2019.

Founder's Day is May 25, 2019. Applications are being accepted for vendors. All forms are on the Township website or can be picked up in Town Hall at the Clerk's Office.

Mayor – Ben LoParo

Resolution 2019-126. This resolution authorizes the Township of Ocean to accept the Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subgrant Program (EMAA). The grant is for a total of \$20,325.25. This is a matching grant. The Township will receive \$10,000 for the purpose to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies. The funds are used to offset the salary of the Office of Emergency Management. Thank you to Chief Rogalski and the Township of Ocean Police Department for securing this grant.

Resolution 2019-127, 128, 129. These resolutions are authorizing the purchase of vehicles for the Police Department. There was an accident involving a police vehicle. Due to the fact that the police cars are a unibody, the car has been declared totaled by the insurance company. The Township will receive approximately \$18,000 towards the vehicle. The Township needs to replace this vehicle. When Chief Rogalski investigated the purchasing of the vehicle, he was informed the vehicle prices would be going up for the 2020 models. Chief Rogalski was able to secure two 2019 vehicles. The Township has been budgeting at a minimum one police vehicle per year. The planning of the vehicles will assure that the Township does not have to bond to purchase several at one time.

Resolution 2019-130. Malysa Zafonte has completed her training in the dispatch department. Chief Rogalski has recommended that Ms. Zafonte be moved into the full-time position that has been open due to a resignation.

The Southern Regional Rams Wrestling team won the State Championship on Sunday.

Chief of Police – Michal Rogalski

Chief Rogalski read the January 2019 Police Report. The Police Department handled 4,560 calls for police service, 4 abandoned 9-1-1 calls, 36 alarms were activated and responded to, 16 animal complaints were handled, 2,176 business house watch checks, 4 criminal mischief acts were investigated, 20 domestic violence incidents, 15 disabled vehicles were assisted, 2 drunk drivers, 11 drug arrests, 59 first aid calls, 29 general complaints, 23 motor vehicle accidents, 693 motor vehicle stops of which 223 were issued tickets, 2 juvenile complaint, 6 psychiatric evaluations (PESS), 27 persons were arrested on various warrants, 2 shoplifting incidents, 56 suspicious persons and/or vehicles, 7 thefts from residences or commercial properties. A full list of this activity is listed on the website.

During the month of January, officers conducted 117 individual traffic details within the neighborhoods of Ocean Township. Of the 117 details, 43 motor vehicle stops were conducted. Six (6) tickets were issued and 48 warnings. Of the 48 warnings, 36 were speeding warnings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to open Public Comment was moved by Committeewoman Dodd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Jennifer Hubert, Barnegat Beach Drive, inquired if there is a deadline to submit a Citizen Leadership Form to be appointed on the Economic Development Committee or is it on a rolling basis.

Township Administrator/Municipal Clerk Ambrosio discussed it is a rolling basis. If you want to be considered for that Committee, the Township Committee has announced they will appoint on March 14. Please try and submit by March 1st.

Ken Fekete, 58 Beacon Drive, inquired if the leadership forms submitted previously will be reviewed for this Committee and what are the qualification for a position.

Deputy Mayor Baulderstone discussed the Township Committee will be reviewing the leadership forms that relate to this specific committee.

Mr. Fekete discussed it was said at a meeting that the prior applications would be kept on file for future opportunities.

Deputy Mayor Baulderstone discussed the form identifies the committees you are interested in. Applicants that have experience and background in commercial real estate and property development are the best qualified for that committee. There are many different aspects of economic development. There are no specific qualifications.

Mayor LoParo discussed the applicant has to be a resident of Waretown.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, inquired if the vacant property registration is for homes repossessed by a bank and what happens if you do not report it.

Committeewoman Dodd discussed, yes, it is for homes repossessed by banks.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the current ordinance is missing the failure to register issue. That is why the ordinance is being amended tonight. New Jersey State Law requires the banks register with the Municipal Clerk. The owner of the property is responsible for registering.

Mrs. Doyle inquired where the Walters Homes Cornerstone project is going to be.

Deputy Mayor Baulderstone discussed the project is going to be immediately south of the newly constructed liquor store.

Mrs. Doyle inquired if the ceiling room could be taped in the Senior Room at the Community Center. It is in bad shape.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio will have Public Works look at it.

Mrs. Doyle inquired where she can find out about Mr. Mackres' new plan.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the project has not been heard at a board at this time.

Motion to close Public Comment was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes - January 1, 2019

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes January 10, 2019

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Abstain

Resolution 2019-125 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$1,813,393.52

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Ordinance 2019-2 – 1st Reading – Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE GENERAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN TO INCLUDE NEW CHAPTER 37 “MUNICIPAL WILDFIRE SAFETY COUNCIL”

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Ordinance 2019-3 – 1st Reading – Public Hearing

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 280-21 ENTITLED “MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES” TO INCLUDE THEREIN A NEW PROVISION FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Ordinance 2019-1 – 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey creating the Township of Ocean Economic Development Committee

Motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance 2019-1 was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

No comment from the public.

Motion to close Public Hearing on Ordinance 2019-1 was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-1 was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: 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.

- 2019-126 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the Execution of the Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant
- 2019-127 Resolution authorizing an emergency temporary appropriation transfers from the current fund appropriations and capital improvement in the amount of \$106,000
- 2019-128 Resolution authorizing the purchase of two police vehicles from Beyer Ford under State Contract #65MCESCCPS ESCNJ 17/18-21 cost \$63,732.12
- 2019-129 Resolution authorizing equipment and outfitting of police vehicle from Blue Line Emergency Lighting under State Contract #T-0106 #81308 & 81334 cost \$23,992.68
- 2019-130 Resolution authorizing the hiring of Malysa Zafonte as a full-time dispatcher
- 2019-131 Resolution authorizing a leak credit, 8 Reno Court, Barnegat NJ in the amount of \$422.56
- 2019-132 RESOLUTION GRANTING PRELIMINARY AND FINAL WATER AND SANITARY SEWER APPROVALS, WARETOWN FAMILY APARTMENTS, LLC, BLOCK 41, LOT 4.201

Motion to approve Resolutions 2019-126 through 2019-132

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Resolution 2018-133

Resolution authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session for the reasons: Litigation

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Motion to approve: Social Affairs Permit for the Rotary Club of Barnegat New Jersey Charitable Foundation Inc at Greenbriar Oceanaire Ballroom on May 11, 2019

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: 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:

Jessica Anderson - March 17, 2019
Waretown Thunder Softball Tournament – June 10 – June 16, 2019
Candice Lewis – February 23, 2019
Denise Thatcher – February 2, 2019
Anthony Carlone – March 16, 2019
Grand Bay Harbor Condominium Assoc. – June 15, 2019
Philip and Yolanda Meyers – March 30, 2019

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.
Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Motion to go into Executive Session:

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.
Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Motion to go into Open Session:

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.
Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Next Scheduled Meetings

February 28, 2019 – 10:00 am – Canceled
March 14, 2019 – 7:00 pm – Regular Business Meeting

Adjournment:

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.
Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date