

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
BUSINESS MEETING
April 11, 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.

Presentation

Proclamation – National Library Week

Mayor LoParo read and presented the framed Proclamation to Ms. Rutkowski to honor National Library Week.

Proclamation – National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Mayor LoParo read and presented the framed Proclamation to Police Chief Rogalski to honor National Public Safety Telecommunication Week.

Committee Reports

Deputy Mayor – Ken Baulderstone

Department of Public Works

Energy Aggregation. Letters were mailed from the Monmouth-Ocean Energy Cooperative. There are additional meetings scheduled for information on Monday April 15th at 10:00 am at the Community Center and 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm at the Fire House.

New Jersey state law requires municipalities to have all residents in the program. Residents can opt out of the program. An envelope to opt out was included with the form in the mailing or residents can opt out by phone.

Residents will see an energy cost savings on their bill each month if they stay with the cooperative. This is different than a third party vendor, due to there is no contract to the resident and a resident can opt out at any time and has the ability to opt in at any time. This does not apply to residents who are in a third party contract or if you have solar.

2019 – NJ DOT GRANT. The Township of Ocean has been selected to receive funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the year 2019 in the amount of \$365,000 for the Michigan Avenue project. This project will be reviewed for drainage improvements in the area.

2018 – NJ DOT GRANT. (Sheridan Street, Michigan Avenue, Kennedy Drive, Delaware Drive and Lincoln Drive). The New Jersey Department of Transportation 2018 Roadway Improvement Grant project is scheduled for completion. Work on the project was suspended for the winter. Paving has started in the area today. Notices were sent out to residents in the area, as well as posted on flashing signs.

Dog Park – Waretown Recreational Park. The Township along with the professionals attended a pre-application meeting with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and Green Acres. The discussion was on the permits required to build the dog park and if a dog park is an allowable use in the area. At this time the potential need for a CAFRA permit is being reviewed. Also, if the Township needs to obtain a CAFRA permit, a new Threatened and Endangered Species Report will be required and a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Report would need to be completed. Green Acres was unable to attend the meeting.

Volunteer Way. The permit was resubmitted to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection and a deficiency list was sent to the Township, requiring an updated traffic study and stormwater management report. These items are being completed at this time.

Clean Water Act. The Township is working with the professionals to comply with the unfunded mandates of the Clean Water Act. This requires an Assets Management plan along with the tagging of each fire hydrant. The Township of Ocean has been diligent on working on utility upgrades through the New Jersey Infrastructure Trust program and will continue to upgrade items as necessary. This year the Township will be reviewing the Bay Shore Sewage Pump Station that will need to be rebuilt and/or refurbished along with the water towers. I will be reporting on these items as the Township moves ahead with the projects. These items will be considered during the rate hearing this year.

Parks and Ballfields. The Department of Public Works continues to work on the parks and ballfields. The ballfields are ready for the spring weather and Opening Day on Saturday. Hopefully the rain will hold out.

The Waretown Athletic Association (WAA) and the Waretown Thunder Softball will have the Season Opener on Saturday, April 13th. The parade from Town Hall to the Ballfields on Railroad Avenue will start at 10:00 am.

Leaf Pickup is continuing in each section of the Township. The dates and sections are listed on the Municipal calendar and on the website. Leaves can be taken to the leaf bin at the lake but cannot be mixed with any other items. Brush is picked up at the curb. Please be reminded to call or e-mail Town Hall to be placed on the Brush pick up list.

Special Events

Founder's Day – May 25th.

Founder's Day will host their 1st Art Competition. This year's theme will be "Waretown", anything pertaining to the Township. It could be buildings, nature, the bay, and people. Registration forms are

available on the Township website and at Town Hall and are due back May 1st. No on-site registrations will be accepted. There will be adult and child age groups in categories of sculpture, flat work and photography.

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

Committeewoman – Lydia M. Dodd

Committeewoman Dodd acknowledged Marie Leaming in the audience. Mrs. Leaming keeps the school libraries running smoothly and has been an asset for many years. Thank you, Marie.

Ordinance 2019-4 – 2nd Reading – Public Hearing. This ordinance updates language and eliminates accessory apartments in the R-1A zone. Anyone seeking to add an accessory apartment in this zone, would need to seek a variance from the Board of Adjustment. This is to streamline the process, and update the ordinance. The Planning Board does not have jurisdiction to hear a conditional use application.

Ordinance 2019-5, Resolutions 2019-151, 2019-152, 2019-153. The Budget introduced tonight will be posted on the Township website and the Budget Summary will be published in the Asbury Park Press. These resolutions are required by the State of New Jersey for the introduction and reading of the Budget. The budget being introduced 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.

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/Zoning Department as building has gone down, the state changed items that no longer need permits (such as roofing and siding), and Greenbriar is complete. The Township is saving money by sharing services, but it has also financially saved money by cutting back the hours the Construction, Building, Plumbing, Electric, and Fire Sub codes and staff, also keeping services available for the residents. The Township now has a part-time Tax Collector, Tax Assessor and Finance Officer for additional cost savings.

There are the annual costs of doing business that go up including healthcare, salaries, gas, electric, etc. The Township does need to provide the proper items necessary for the departments to continue to do their jobs effectively.

The Township Committee along with the Township Finance Officer and Administrator have been working diligently to have the budget complete. This year even with the Township working hard to keep costs down, the Township will have an increase of less than 2 cents. The public hearing to adopt the budget is on May 9th. This will assist in keeping the tax billing on schedule for the annual bills to go out in July.

	Avg. House Assmt	Avg. Increase based upon \$.0199
Greenbriar Houses	\$ 323,600	\$ 64.40
Township Houses	\$269,300	\$ 53.59

Gov Deals – Sale. The Township of Ocean has placed items that have exceeded their useful life out for auction. The auction included 1987 and 2001 vehicles, computers, toner, bicycles and a generator. There were 10 items in total. The Township sold the items. After the deduction of the 7.5% fee, the Township has received \$5,398.00.

Vacant Property Program. During the month of March, the program had 5 initial registrations, and 9 renewals for a total of \$21,750.00.

Cornerstone at Waretown. Walter's Homes has started work on this project. This project is a 54 unit Affordable Housing project with a Clubhouse. The sign permit was submitted and approved. The site work is being completed with an anticipated construction of the building in May.

Liquor Store – Buy Rite. Buy Rite has submitted a building permit. It is currently in review for footing and foundation permits.

Mayor – Ben LoParo

Redevelopment

A Redevelopment Meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 7:00 pm. On the agenda will be two applications: Mandrake Properties, on Seminole Drive in Pebble Beach, has an application for two buildings consisting of contractor warehouses. The Mackres Family LLC application is for 101,573 square feet of commercial retail/office space, a 10,953 square foot restaurant, assisted living facility and 296 apartment/townhouse units, which are age restricted. A percentage of those units must be affordable family rental units by state law. The application also includes a 9,825 square foot community center/leasing office and the expansion of the existing 28 room hotel by 74 rooms to 102 rooms.

Municipal Alliance/Recreation

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday April 14th at the Waretown Lake. Police Chief Rogalski has contacted the Ocean County Sheriff's Department and they will bring their K-9 officers for a security check prior to the event. The Township will have a police officer stationed at the event all day. Children ages 6 and younger are asked to meet at the lake by 12:45 pm. Their hunt begins at 1:00 pm. Children ages 7-12 are asked to arrive at 1:45pm. Their hunt begins at 2:00 pm. Light refreshments will be provided to all children free of charge. This event is sponsored in part through a grant by the Municipal Alliance.

The Municipal Alliance will be sponsoring a Drive-In Movie on June 28th at the Priff School field at 8:00 pm. Wreck it Ralph – Breaks the Internet will be shown.

Hidden in Plain Sight will be on May 3rd at 6:00 pm at the Waretown Community Center on 11th Street. There is a flyer in the back of the room. This is a drug awareness program every parent should attend. This program is designed to help parents and guardians of teens recognize unfamiliar hazards that are often in plain sight. DEA Special Agent McMahan will guide attendees through an exhibit and explain substance abuse trends, signs and symptoms in an effort to provide resources for parents and community members to help keep your children healthy and drug-free.

The Annual Fishing Derby is on July 26th from 5:30 pm–8:00 pm at Sands Point Park.

Recreation

Summer Camp is July 2nd through August 8th at the Waretown Elementary School. Registration forms are available in Town Hall and on the Township website. There is another camp in the Frederic A. Priff school that runs daily and has longer hours.

Pickleball games are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am–1:00 pm at the Sands Point Park courts beginning April 30th. Pickleball Beginners Clinic (limited to the first 24 people) is May 1st - 29th at 10:00am at the Sands Point Park courts. Players are encouraged to bring their own paddles.

Town Wide Yard Sale is July 27, 2019.

Upcoming Mall Trips are \$9.00 per trip, payable upon boarding, on April 19th to the Smithville/Lenox Outlet and April 26th to the Cherry Hill Mall. All trip information is on the Township website.

2019 Trip Registrations are now being accepted:

6-24 NY Mets vs Philadelphia Phillies \$54pp

6-14 Grounds for Sculpture \$64pp

9-14 Boston Red Sox vs Philadelphia Phillies \$69pp

9-25 Caesars Casino “A Musical Tribute to Carole King” \$84pp (\$25 slot play back)

11-20 Caesars Casino “Rat Pack Christmas Show” \$84pp (\$25 slot play back)

12-9 Tropicana Holiday Show

12-18 Longwood Gardens

Shredding

Ocean County Solid Waste has announced the Document Shredding Program dates for 2019. The Township of Ocean will have shredding here in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday, September 14th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Chief of Police - Michal Rogalski

Chief Rogalski read the March 2019 Police Report. The Police Department handled 4,171 calls for police service, 4 abandoned 9-1-1 calls, 35 alarms were activated and responded to, 19 animal complaints were handled, 1,856 business house watch checks, 2 criminal mischief acts were investigated, 3 disorderly conduct, 20 domestic violence, verbal disputes and harassment complaints, 17 disabled vehicles were assisted, 2 drunk drivers, 6 drug arrests, 70 first aid calls, 26 general complaints, 18 motor vehicle accidents, 494 motor vehicle stops of which 134 were issued tickets, 1 juvenile complaint, 6 psychiatric evaluations (PESS), 13 persons were arrested on various warrants, 1 shoplifting incident, 64 suspicious persons and/or vehicles, 4 thefts from residences or commercial properties. A full list of this activity is listed on the website.

Mayor LoParo discussed a Distracted Driving program is currently in place, funded by a grant.

Chief Rogalski discussed the Distracted Driving program is a state wide initiative. There are 161 agencies throughout the state that were granted funds to conduct extra patrols for distracted driving violations. The program will run from April 1–21, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

John Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, inquired if the CAP Ordinance will increase up to 3.5% this year.

CFO Simone discussed he does not believe so, however, there is a COLA ordinance that is at 2.5% and the Township is going to raise it to 3.5% this year, which will be available for the Township to use for the next two years.

Mr. Petrosilli discussed the numbers on Resolution 2019-153 do not match.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the temporary budget increases add up to the numbers on the resolution. Add the proposed numbers to the ones in the past meetings for the temporary budget, which is included in the regular budget.

Shawn Denning, 92 Morey Place Road, discussed he is a solar customer and the mailer does not clearly indicate if a resident has solar, they are going to have trouble. Mr. Denning requested the Township send a separate mailer to solar customers.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed solar customers are not included in the program.

Mr. Denning inquired if the dog park could be located next to the skate park instead of the lake.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed there is not enough space.

Mr. Denning discussed skate park users are not wearing helmets. It is an insurance issue and the Township looks bad, as it is in the municipal parking lot.

Chief Rogalski discussed Mr. Denning should call the Police Department.

Deputy Mayor Baulderstone discussed Police Officers speak to people using the skate park often.

Mr. Denning invited the Township Committee to attend a formal presentation of the school budget at the School Board meeting on April 29th at 7:15 pm.

Mickey Sherry, 167 Seneca Boulevard, discussed taxes are extremely important for retirees on a fixed income. Waretown manages to find a balance between increasing taxes and town expenses. It is very much appreciated. Thank you for balancing the budget and keeping this town safe and affordable.

Eileen Doyle, 243 11th Street, inquired if Dunkin Donuts decides not to complete the project, what happens to the incomplete building.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the property owner states it is moving forward but the manager at the store states it is not moving forward.

Mayor LoParo discussed Township electricity and businesses are not included in the energy aggregation program. It is strictly a residential program.

Motion to Close Public Comment

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 of the Regular Business Meeting and Executive Session of March 14, 2019.

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

Resolution 2019-150 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$221,573.70

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

Ordinance 2019-4 – 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 410-14 to Delete Accessory Apartments as a Conditional Use in the R-1A Zoning District

Motion to Open Public Hearing Ordinance 2019-4 was moved by Committeewoman Dodd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

No comment from the public.

Motion to Close Public Hearing Ordinance 2019-4 was moved by Committeewoman Dodd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

Motion to Approve Ordinance 2019-4 was moved by Committeewoman Dodd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

Ordinance 2019-5 First Reading – Title Only

CALENDAR YEAR 2019 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-5 was moved by Committeewoman Dodd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

Resolution 2019-151

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 Committeewoman Dodd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

Resolution 2019-152

Authorizing the Municipal Budget of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey for fiscal year 2019. The Budget Summary will be published on April 17, 2019 in the Asbury Park Press Newspaper. The Public Hearing on the Budget Resolution will be held May 9, 2019 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 Committeewoman Dodd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

Resolution 2019-153

Resolution authorizing an increase in the 2019 Temporary Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,948,123.70 and Utility fund in the amount of \$685,840.00.

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

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.

- 2019-154 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey supporting the 2019 UDrive UText UPay distracted driving crackdown April 1 – 21, 2019
- 2019-155 Resolution authorizing a leak credit, 8 Reno Court Barnegat, NJ in the amount of \$246.99
- 2019-156 Resolution authorizing the appointment of the Emergency Management Council for the year 2019
- 2019-157 Resolution proclaiming April 26, 2019 Arbor Day in the Township of Ocean
- 2019-158 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Granting Preliminary and Final Water and Sanitary Sewer Approvals, B&D Waretown Realty, Block 41, Lot 42.01

Motion to approve Resolutions 2019-154 through 2019-158:

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

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

Motion to approve: a social affairs permit for the Ocean Township Police Department PBA #371 on April 13, 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 2019 for the use of the Community Center, Waretown Memorial Recreation Park, Tuomey Park and Ballfield:

Recreation Pickleball – Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Marie Nastasi – May 11, 2019

Debra Brown – May 18, 2019

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

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

Next Scheduled Meetings

May 9, 2019– 7:00 pm – Regular Business Meeting

May 23, 2019 – 10:00 am - Regular Business Meeting/Workshop

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