

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
BUSINESS MEETING
May 9, 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 – Public Works Week

Deputy Mayor Ken Baulderstone read and presented the framed Proclamation to Township of Ocean Public Works Superintendent Matt Ambrosio and Foreman Dan Kehoe to honor Public Works Week.

Proclamation – National Police Week

Mayor Ben LoParo read and presented the framed Proclamation to Township of Ocean Police Chief Michal Rogalski to honor National Police Week.

Proclamation – National EMS Week

Committeewoman Lydia Dodd read and presented the framed Proclamation to Waretown First Aid Squad Captain Michael Kane to honor National EMS Week.

Proclamation – International Firefighters’ Week

Deputy Mayor Ken Baulderstone read and presented the framed Proclamation to Waretown Volunteer Fire Company Chief Brent Cunningham to honor International Firefighters’ Week.

Committee Reports

Mayor – Ben LoParo

Resolution 2019-174 authorizes the signature and approval of the Ocean Township Police Superior Officers Contract. It is a three year contract that expires on December 31, 2021. The Township was able to negotiate health benefits upon retirement to, if hired prior to January 1, 2019, employee and spouse are covered. Any officer promoted after January 1, 2019 at retirement will receive employee coverage only. This will result in a cost savings to the Township. This is the fifth contract the Township has negotiated in the last eighteen months. An outstanding job was performed by the Township Administrator, Township Committee and the people who negotiated. The Township does not have to negotiation another union contract for three years.

There is a Redevelopment Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm. There are two applications on the agenda. The first is Mandrake Properties on the corner of Seminole Drive and Route 9 in Pebble Beach. The application is for two buildings consisting of contractor warehouses.

The second application is for Mackres Family LLC. This application is for 101,573 square feet of commercial retail/office space, which includes the existing retail center of 30,610 square feet, which will be renovated. The application includes a 10,953 square foot restaurant, 63-unit assisted living facility and 296 apartment/townhouse units that are age restricted. There will be office buildings along Volunteer Way, required affordable family rental units with a 9,825 square foot community center/leasing office and the expansion of the existing 28 room hotel, from 74 rooms to 102 rooms. The applicant would like to cover the pool year round. The 102 rooms will also allow the applicant to obtain a liquor license for the restaurant.

The Town Wide Clean Up Weekend is Friday, June 14th 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday, June 15th 8:00am–3:00pm.

Recreation

- Summer Camp is July 2-Aug 8. Registration forms are available on the Township website and in Town Hall.
- Golf Camp is July 9–July 30. Registration forms are available on the Township website and in Town Hall.
- Pickleball Free Organized Pickup Games are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Sands Point Park Courts beginning April 30th.
- Pickleball Free Beginners Clinics (limited to the first 24 participants) are May 1-29, 10:00am at the Sands Point Park Courts. Players are encouraged to bring their own paddles.
- Town Wide Yard Sale is July 27th. Registrations are now being accepted.
- Mall Trip fee is \$9.00 per trip payable upon boarding. Reserve your space by contacting Jeanne Broadbent.

Municipal Alliance

- Drive-In Movie is on June 28th at the Priff School field at 8:00pm. The movie will be Wreck it Ralph Breaks the Internet. There will be a “Please Touch the Trucks” party prior to the movie.
- Fishing Derby is on July 26th, 5:30pm–8:00pm at Sands Point Park.

Deputy Mayor – Ken Baulderstone

Resolution 2019-161 authorizes the Township to place a lien on 30 Dock Avenue for failure to abate property violations in the amount of \$796.80. The Department of Public Works was sent to clean the property.

Energy Aggregation. Letters were mailed from the Monmouth-Ocean Energy Cooperative. The meetings scheduled for additional information were held in the Township. JCP&L will send a confirmation letter to those who have not opted out, giving them another 7 days to rescind, if they changed their mind or didn't see the first letter. Residents should be receiving this in about a week or so. The point of the confirmation letter is to be the catchall for residents before the enrollment takes place so they are aware. In addition, folks can opt out at any time during the program so even if they miss the confirmation letter, a resident is never obligated to remain a part of the program.

NJ Department of Transportation Grant - 2018 Roadway Improvement Program (Sheridan, Michigan, Kennedy, Delaware, Lincoln). Paving has started and is continuing. Notices were sent out to residents in the area and flashing signs are posted in the area. Once the paving and yard restoration is complete, T&M Associates will review the final punch list items.

Dog Park – Waretown Recreational Park. T&M Associates has requested a jurisdictional determination letter in writing from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. As discussed at the meeting with the NJ DEP the project as proposed would not create any new parking on site, therefore, it should not be considered a public improvement by CAFRA standards. If the project does not require a CAFRA permit, it could simplify the project.

Volunteer Way. The permit was resubmitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and a deficiency list was sent requiring an updated traffic study and storm water management report. The updated storm water management report was submitted on April 17th. The traffic study is taking place at this time. It should be completed prior to the end of the month.

Department of Public Works. All playgrounds have been mulched. The fasteners on the wind screens at the Tennis and Pickleball courts are being upgraded.

Benches that were donated from Greenbriar Oceanaire were installed at the Dock Avenue park.

The department rebuilt the dump body on the 2007 dump truck at a cost savings of \$11,000.00, instead of replacing it. The body was rotted out from years of use and salting.

Leaf pickup is continuing in each section of town. The pickup dates and sections are listed in 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 call or e-mail Town Hall to be placed on the brush pick up list.

Hydrant flushing continues. The Township flashing signs are being utilized to inform the residents, as well as the Township e-mail.

Special Events

Founder's Day is May 25, 2019.

Founder's Day will host their 1st Art Competition. This year's theme will be "Waretown" anything pertaining to the town: buildings, nature, bay, and people. Registration forms are available on the Township Website and in Town Hall. Art Competition registration has been extended. No onsite registrations will be accepted. The categories judged by age group are sculpture, flat work and photography.

Applications are being accepted for vendors. Currently there are 114 vendors plus 5 food trucks and 5 snack trucks. All forms are on the Township website or can be picked up in Town Hall at the Clerk's Office.

Committeewoman – Lydia M. Dodd

Ordinance 2019-5 and 2019-152. The 2019 Budget has been posted on the Township’s website and the Budget Summary was published in the Asbury Park Press. The Township was not self-examining and received a full review at the Division of Local Government Services. The Township received the approval of the State this afternoon to adopt the 2019 Budget this evening.

The budget being voted on this evening 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 and the entire Township Committee firmly believe we have struck that balance with this budget.

There were some shortfalls in the budget last year. The Township Committee did make changes in those departments. One of the departments was the Construction/Zoning Department, as building has decreased and the state changed permit requirements (no longer need a permit for roofing and siding) and Greenbriar’s buildout is complete. The Township is conscious of the cost of doing business by sharing services and has implemented financial savings by cutting back hours of the Construction, Building, Plumbing, Electric, and Fire Sub codes and staff, yet 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 efficiently and effectively. This year, even with the Township working hard to keep costs down, there will be an increase of less than 2 cents.

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

Vacant Property Program. During the month of April, the program had three initial registrations and four renewals for a total of \$10,250.00

Resolution 2019-162 through 2019-167. This resolution is authorizing the Township’s Tax Collector to refund overpayment of taxes. These refunds must be done by resolution.

Zoning and Code Enforcement. During the month of April 29 zoning applications were approved. Code Enforcement has written 56 notices of violation, 11 were abated. The old Thirsty Mallard property has been cleaned up and windows boarded. The Dunkin Donuts job site has been cleaned up, as well as the dumpster at the operating Dunkin Donuts

Cornerstone at Waretown. Site work has begun and construction is to start by May/June 2019. The construction office is still doing the reviews. The Construction Official met with the Job Superintendent this week. The project is close to issuing permits to begin construction.

Buy Rite Liquor Store. The building permit has been issued. Updates are needed for Electrical, Fire and Plumbing permits.

Police Chief Michal Rogalski

Chief Rogalski thanked the Township Committee on behalf of the men and women of the Police Department for recognition of National Police Week.

Six Ocean Township Police Officers started their trip to Washington D.C. today for the Unity Bicycle Tour memorial service. Two support officers, Patrolman Moller and Sergeant Capaccio, are assisting with the trek down. Sergeant Jarin, Patrolman Matelski, Patrolman Mastrandrea and Patrolman Sawyer are riders this year.

Chief Rogalski read the April 2019 Police Report. The Police Department handled 4,004 calls for police service, 3 abandoned 9-1-1 calls, 18 alarms were activated and responded to, 29 animal complaints were handled, 1,723 business house watch checks, 3 criminal mischief acts were investigated, 10 domestic violence, 16 disabled vehicles were assisted, 3 drunk drivers, 7 drug arrests, 61 first aid calls, 31 general complaints, 16 motor vehicle accidents, 762 motor vehicle stops of which 211 summons were issued, 2 juvenile complaint, 7 psychiatric evaluations (PESS), 19 persons were arrested on various warrants, 66 suspicious persons and/or vehicles, 6 thefts from residences and 1 theft from a motor vehicle. A full list of this activity is listed on the website.

On April 27, 2019, the Ocean Township Police Department conducted its very first child safety seat check through a Sheriff's Department grant. The grant covers the cost of the officers conducting the checks and future purchases of child safety seats for people who do not have the means to do so. The first check included ten vehicles. There will be another safety seat check at Founder's Day.

The Ocean Township Police Department collected 43 pounds of unwanted, expired, unused medication through project medicine drop.

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

No comment from the public.

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

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

Resolution 2019-159 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$2,167,653.66 was moved by Committeewoman Dodd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

Ordinance 2019-5 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

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 open Public Hearing Ordinance 2019-5 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 to Public Hearing Ordinance 2019-5 was moved by Committeewoman Dodd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-5 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.

- 2019-160 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO HIGH TECH LANDSCAPES, INC., OF BRANCBURG, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S "NO NET LOSS TREE PLANTING 2019 GRANT"
- 2019-161 Resolution authorizing the Township of Ocean to place a lien on 30 Dock Avenue in the amount of \$796.80 for failure to abate violations
- 2019-162 Resolution authorizing a refund for overpayment for 424 Third Street in the amount of \$1,755.24
- 2019-163 Resolution authorizing a refund of overpayment for 211 Teaneck Road in the amount of \$3,211.58
- 2019-164 Resolution authorizing a refund for overpayment 15 Margate Way in the amount of \$3,311.29
- 2019-165 Resolution authorizing a refund for overpayment 36 Chestnut Street in the amount of \$157.22
- 2019-166 Resolution authorizing a refund for overpayment 54 Avalon Way in the amount of \$539.98
- 2019-167 Resolution authorizing a refund for overpayment 303 Seventh Street in the amount of \$270.72
- 2019-168 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey recognizing the month of May as "Paint the Town Pink"
- 2019-169 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey proclaiming May as Older Americans Month
- 2019-170 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Proclaiming April 2, 2019 as recognition day for National Service Week and April 7 – April 13, 2019 as National Volunteers Week.

- 2019-171 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 42.04
- 2019-172 Resolution accepting Brittany Hayes Resignation as a full-time Dispatcher and place her on the per diem dispatcher list
- 2019-173 Resolution appointing Alexa Eppolito as a full-time Deputy Court Administrator for the salary amount of \$30,000.00 per year.

Motion to approve Resolutions 2019-160 through 2019-173 was moved by Committeewoman Dodd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

Resolution 2019-174 – Public Hearing

Resolution authorizing the Ocean Township Superior Officers Contract for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021

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

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

Resolution 2019-152 – Public Hearing

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 open Public Hearing Resolution 2019-152 was moved by Committeewoman Dodd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

John Petrosilli, 11 Vessel Road, discussed the budget is very complicated and inquired where the bonding repayment is on the budget.

CFO Ed Simone discussed Item 4, Debt Service, \$1,130,225 annual, principal and interest.

Motion to close Public Hearing Resolution 2019-152 was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

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

Motion to approve Resolution 2019-152 was moved by Committeewoman Dodd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

Motion to approve: a social affairs permit for the Coastal Volunteers in Medicine on October 4, 2019 at the Clubhouse Greenbriar Oceanaire

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 13, 2019 – 7:00 pm - Redevelopment

DATE CHANGE: May 28, 2019 – 10:00 am - Regular Business Meeting/Workshop

Adjournment:

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

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

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date