

MEETING MINUTES

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
BUSINESS MEETING
February 13, 2020
6:00 pm**

Call to Order

ROLL CALL: LOPARO X DODD X BAULDERSTONE 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

Resolution 2020-107

Resolution authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and potential litigation matter

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

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

Motion to go into Executive Session:

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

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

7:00 pm - Motion to go into Open Session:

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

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

Presentation

NJ State Veteran Chamber of Commerce - Peter J. Lupo

Peter J. Lupo was not present.

Committee Reports

Mayor – Ken Baulderstone

Resolution 2020-14. This resolution is supporting Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst being considered as part of the operational command post in Europe. The United States Army is considering the activation of a fourth army corps headquarters to be based in the continental United States. The Township of Ocean has a long history of support for Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and supports the locating of the Fourth Army Corps Headquarters on the Joint Base.

Resolution 2020-118 & 119. Resolutions authorizing Remington and Vernick Engineers to bid a project in the Utility Department. This is for repairs and upgrades to the water treatment plant and Diamond Drive pump station. These projects will be awarded at a Township meeting.

Department of Public Works

The holiday tree collection is complete. The trees were picked up curbside and chipped. Leaf pick has been completed prior to the end of the year. The spring leaf cleanup will start by section on March 9th and continue until May 25th. This information is on the Township Calendar.

Reminder: ONLY leaves can be brought to the lake leaf bin. Please empty bags and take them home to dispose. Brush is not to be left at the leaf bin. Ocean County Recycling will not take leaves that are mixed with brush or grass. They need to be taken to the Ocean County Landfill. The town pays to dispose leaves by the ton so they could be composted at the recycling center.

Brush is picked up at the curb. Residents need to contact the Township's Clerk's office to be placed on the list for pick up. Pick up is every 1st & 3rd Thursday each month.

Bi-Annual basin cleaning & maintenance, emptied leaf bin, maintained all dirt roads, pot holes repaired, building dog park, court house roof completed, scrapped & painted ceiling 8th Street treatment plant.

Bryant Road Property. The Township is in the process of amending the recorded deed with the required Green Acres language and provide a title insurance policy with required Green Acres language.

T & M Associates has reviewed the in water violations at the end of Bryant Road with local contractors to gauge costs. A request for proposal was issued to five (5) marine contractors on February 5th. The proposals are due back on February 19th. The Township will look to award a contract at the February 27th meeting.

Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt is on April 5th at the Waretown Lake and Recreation area. Children ages 6 & under will hunt for eggs at 1:00 pm. Children 7-11 will hunt for eggs at 2:00 pm. All participants are asked to bring a bag or basket to collect the eggs. Please bring a camera for children to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Snowman Building Contest. Each entrant must build his or her snowman between November 1, 2019 to March 31, 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 - recreation@twpoceannj.gov by March 2, 2019.

Founder's Day – May 23rd. Applications are being accepted for vendors. Also, local entertainment registrations are available. All forms are on the Township Website or can be picked up in Town Hall at the Clerk's Office.

Bus Trips. The Philadelphia Flower Show is sold out. Tropicana Casino Rat Pack Show April 19th – seats are still available. NY Mets vs. Philadelphia Phillies May 27th – seats are still available.

Reminder – Bus Trips to the malls are \$9.00 each Friday. The bus will pick the person up at their home. The bus goes to Ocean County Mall, Freehold Mall, Smithville & Lenox. Please contact Michele in the Clerk's Office to reserve a seat and Jeanne in Recreation for further information. The trips are posted on the Township website.

Deputy Mayor – Lydia M. Dodd

Resolution 2020-110. This resolution authorizes the Committee to appoint John Pawlowski as Alternate Designee to the Pinelands Municipal Council for the year 2020.

Resolutions 2020-112 and 113 authorize refunds of overpayment of taxes. These must be authorized by resolution.

Resolution 2020-115. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteeing and protecting women's right to vote. On February 9, 1920 New Jersey became the 29th state to ratify the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment the Township of Ocean will light the municipal building in purple, one of the colors of the New Jersey Suffrage movement for the week of February 10th.

Resolution 2020-116. This resolution authorizes the hiring of an Administrative Assistant and recording secretary for the Special Events Committee. There has been a vacancy in the positions. The position was advertised and interviews were completed.

Resolution 2020-117. This authorizes the release of the performance bond for DMK Developers. They are the developers of Tractor Supply. They have met the criteria as per the Township Engineer and will be posting a two year maintenance bond.

Board of Health

The Rabies Clinic was held on Saturday, February 8th. During the event 139 dogs and 50 cats received their free rabies vaccination. Town Hall was open for residents to license their pets. On that day 48 Dogs and 26 cats were licensed. As of today's date 478 dogs and 119 cats have been licensed in 2020. The totals for 2019 were 806 dogs and 171 cats were licensed. I would like to thank the Board of Health, High School Students and Dr. Behan, who volunteered their time to assist in this important event.

Resolution 2020-120. Authorizing appointments to the Environmental Commission. Two members have resigned and two members are being appointed this evening.

Vacant Property Registration Report. The Township instituted an ordinance requiring vacant properties to be registered starting January 1, 2018. The initial registration fee is \$750.00, the second year is \$2,000, the third year is \$3,000 and subsequent renewals will be \$5,000. This gives vacant property owners an incentive to want to be removed from the vacant property list. The total amount received in 2019 is approximately \$90,000. In the month of January 6 properties had initial registrations. First renewal properties total amount received was \$14,500.

Zoning Department - 24 applications approved, 13 applications pending review.

Code Enforcement - 11 Notice of Violations, 1 Second Notice of Violation, 5 properties abated their violations.

Construction - Cornerstone is moving along nicely. The Walters Group is working to start moving families in the first building approximately by the end of March.

Tradewinds has been issued permits for electric/fire. The landscaper has been on site in the last week to address soil erosion deficiencies raised by Ocean County Soils.

1 Unsafe Structure was issued, 3 Notices of Violations/Ordered to pay penalty for work without a permit and 29 permits issued with 19 permit updates.

Kristy's Casual Dining has received their permit for the patio/walls.

Committeeman – Ben LoParo

Ordinance 2020-1. This is the second reading public hearing on creating the title of Police Chaplain for the Police Department. Chief Rogalski has discussed this position with the Township Committee on the importance of the position. Chief Rogalski has sent Officer Cicero and Pastor Dawn from the United Methodist Church for training.

Resolution 2020-111. This resolution is accepting the grant funding for the Police Department to participate in the "Cops in Shops" program. The Police Department applied for the grant and were awarded \$3,520.00.

Municipal Alliance. There is a Family Lego Challenge Night on February 24th at the Waretown Branch of the Ocean County Library at 6:00 pm. Registration is requested by contacting the Library. Light refreshments will be provided.

Police Chief - Michal Rogalski

Chief Rogalski read the January 2020 Police Report. The Police Department handled 4,203 calls for police service, 2 abandoned 9-1-1 calls, 17 alarms were activated and responded to, 14 animal complaints were handled, 2,044 individual business and residential checks, 4 domestic violence incidents, 13 verbal disputes/harassments, 15 disabled vehicles were assisted, 1 drunk driver, 5 drug arrests, 62 first aid calls, 32 general complaints, 17 motor vehicle accidents, 413 motor vehicle stops of which 96 summons were issued, 4 juvenile complaints, 3 psychiatric evaluations (PESS), 12 persons were arrested on various warrants, 52 suspicious persons and/or vehicles and 3 residential and commercial thefts. A full list of this activity is listed on the website.

A program the Police Department started participating in with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office is called Blue Hope. Blue Hope is not an automatic linkage to detox or inpatient treatment but serves as an entry point for residents of Ocean Township that are in need of substance abuse disorder services and/or treatment. The Blue Hope program has been designed to help reduce the impact of heroin and opioid abuse in Ocean Township and all over Ocean County while encouraging those who suffer from substance abuse disorder to seek treatment. Blue Hope is now available in 16 municipalities throughout Ocean County. Ocean Township is one of those municipalities. It is a no-cost item for the town. The Township has partnered with the Ocean County Prosecutors office and Ocean County Mental Health as our crisis intervention point. Every Tuesday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, officers are available for someone to walk in, no questions asked. The Ocean Township Police Department has already had one person seek treatment on a Saturday morning, who had a warrant. The officers took care of the warrant, transported the person to Toms River and Chief Rogalski is proud to say the person is in a 6-8 month treatment.

The Ocean Township Police Department also partnered with Ocean County Mental Health. There are five towns in Ocean County that were able to participate in a program called Because We Care – Share Your Story. It is a new initiative. Manchester, Brick, Lacey, Little Egg and Ocean Township participated. Because We Care identifies shortcomings and societal responses to substance abuse disorders by interviewing overdose victims and their family members. The Township can develop ways

to combat the opioid crisis more effectively and efficiently. Detective Leanne Petracca is assigned as the liaison to the program. When the Township has an issue with a fatal or nonfatal overdose or where Narcan has been administered, several weeks later, Detective Petracca will visit the family with a social worker from Ocean County Mental Health and offer counseling. There is a standardized form that focuses on the criminal justice system, health care system, the community and household so a pattern of shortcomings can be determined throughout Ocean County and we can improve as a community and Police Department.

Mayor Baulderstone discussed these programs that are designed to help people with substance abuse problems are so important. There are a lot of people that do not understand how critical this is.

Chief Rogalski discussed we have to focus on education and prevention, treatment and enforcement in order to make any sort of difference.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to Open Public Comment

Motion to open public comment was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Larry Gelinas, 116 Demmy Avenue, inquired if there is a design plan for the end of Bryant Road that the public can review.

Mayor Baulderstone discussed T&M Engineering has been asked to prepare a plan.

Committeeman LoParo discussed the Township has to remove the posts that are in the water first and then come up with a Master Plan that has to be approved by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. The goal is to have everything done by Memorial Day weekend. The Township will keep the boat ramp and the bathrooms and is thinking about putting rock along the shoreline, instead of a bulkhead, which will make it easier to access for kayaks. The Township would also like to get non-motorized boat rentals there.

Mr. Gelinas inquired if the Township would consider putting up a privacy fence with some landscaping separating the property from residential homes.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed it was not a consideration due to the fact that it was going to be open to the public for anyone to walk through. The goal is to keep the visitors on Bryant Road.

Committeeman LoParo discussed a row of shrubs could be planted on Demmy with an opening for people to walk through.

Joseph Fabozzi, 99 Bay Parkway, inquired what the Township has done to put storm drains in on Bay Parkway.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed, as stated before she has been in touch with the County. The County has been out there surveying on Bay Parkway. It is not a Township road, it is a

County road. The Township has no authority to do anything on that road. Ocean County is looking at the road.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed it is a County Road. The Governing Body has no jurisdiction.

Mr. Fabozzi discussed he pays his taxes to Ocean Township.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed Mr. Fabozzi pays his taxes to the County, the Township and the Board of Education.

Committeeman LoParo discussed Mr. Fabozzi's house is below the level of the road. Water runs down to it. That is the way the house was built. Committeeman LoParo discussed he has been to Mr. Fabozzi's house twice with Public Works to give suggestions to correct the problem. The water cannot be diverted across the street to wetlands. It was discussed to pump the water into the road. Committeeman LoParo discussed he has accommodated Mr. Fabozzi, by making numerous phone calls, visits to the property and discussions with the Department of Public Works to help Mr. Fabozzi. The Township presented simple solutions. Mr. Fabozzi paid someone to modify the curb line and it did not work.

Mr. Fabozzi inquired about the Township mitigating land to replace the wetlands.

Committeeman LoParo discussed the County would have to mitigate that land not the Township.

Rob Corliss, 69 Clearwater Drive, discussed his family was contacted by the Historical Society to attend their meeting. Some of the Waretown Lake land was donated by his family. His family has been in the Township since the 1700's and inquired if his family's name could be given to the Waretown Lake.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Township Committee can take your request into consideration and inquired about the name Mr. Corliss' family is thinking of using.

Mr. Corliss discussed Corliss Heritage Park.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio requested historical facts and pictures from the Corliss family.

Mr. Corliss discussed his family has pictures. The Historical Society would like to put a book of pictures and stories together to submit to the Township.

Deputy Mayor Dodd discussed the Township would like to build a plaque with the Corliss family pictures and story.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Township Committee would like to do a resolution at the next Township meeting renaming the park, and have a renaming ceremony and unveil the plaque at the Independence Day Celebration.

John Pawlowski, 105 Atco Court, thanked the Township Committee for his appointment to the Pinelands Municipal Council.

Deputy Mayor Dodd requested Mr. Pawlowski contact her and she can give him information on meeting dates.

John Caminiti, 115 Dollmore Avenue, inquired if there will be parking spots within the property at the end of Bryant Road.

Committeeman LoParo discussed the Township has no intention of extending the parking lot. The NJ Department of Environmental Protection would not let the Township do that.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed the hours of parking can be restricted.

Motion to Close Public Comment

Motion to close public comment was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Motion to approve meeting minutes – January 23, 2019 – CDBG Meeting was moved by Committeeman LoParo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dodd.

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

Resolution 2020-109 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$6,394,600.60

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

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

Ordinance 2020-1 – 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

An Ordinance of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, county of Ocean, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing Chapter 61 of the Township Code Entitled “Police Department” and establishing and creating Section 21 Thereof Entitled “Police Chaplain”

Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-1

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

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

No comment from the public.

Motion to Close Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-1

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

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

Motion to Approve Ordinance 2020-1:

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

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

- 2020-110 Appointing John Pawlowski as alternate designee for the Township of Ocean at the Pinelands Municipal Council
- 2020-111 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey approving and accepting federal funds and participation in the federal grant program administered by the state of New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety for the "Cops In Shops" program awarding the Township of Ocean Police Department the amount of \$3,520.00
- 2020-112 Resolution authorizing the refund of overpayment of taxes to 418 Cheyenne Drive in the amount of \$890.79
- 2020-113 Resolution authorizing a refund for overpayment of taxes to 3 Rumson Court in the amount of \$300.00
- 2020-114 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey supporting the siting of the Fourth Army Corps Headquarters at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
- 2020-115 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey in Support for the Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage
- 2020-116 Resolution authorizing the hiring of Michelle Damato as a Full-Time Administrative Assistant/Special Events Recording Secretary for the year 2020 with a salary of \$30,000
- 2020-117 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE UPON THE POSTING OF A TWO (2) YEAR MAINTENANCE BOND TO DMK DEVELOPMENT-WARETOWN, LLC
- 2020-118 Resolution authorizing Remington and Vernick Engineers to go out to bid for repairs to the Route 532 Water Treatment plant
- 2020-119 Resolution authorizing Remington and Vernick Engineers to go out to bid for rehabilitation of the Diamond Drive pump station
- 2020-120 Resolution appointing members to the Environmental Commission

Motion to approve Resolutions 2020-110 through 2020-120:

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

Motion to approve - Towing Licenses for the Year 2020

- South Shore Towing Inc.
- Midnite Towing Inc.
- Lacey Amaco Inc.

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

Motion to approve – Social Affairs Permit

- Waretown Volunteer Fire Company, Comedy Night, March 21, 2020
- Rotary Club of Barnegat New Jersey Charitable Foundation, April 4, 2020 at Greenbriar Oceanaire Ballroom
- Ocean Township PBA (Police Unity Tour–Fundraiser) March 29, 2020 12pm-5pm Oyster Creek Brewery

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

Motion to approve the below listed dates in 2020 for the use of the Community Center, Waretown Memorial Recreation Park, Tuomey Park and Ballfield:

1. Kristina Palmer – March 15, 2020
2. Michael Kaveney – March 7, 2020
3. Anthony Carlone – April 26, 2020
4. Greenbriar Softball Club – Mondays
5. Waretown Historical Society – June 5, 2020
6. Recreation Department – Yoga with Christine – Monday 6pm-7pm

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

Next Scheduled Business Meeting

February 27, 2020 – 10:00 am

March 12, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Motion to Adjourn and move into CDBG Meeting

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

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date