

# MEETING MINUTES

## TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING

June 11, 2020

7:00 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

### Committee Reports

Committeeman – Ben LoParo

Waretown 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. The Township Committee was disappointed when the Governor canceled graduations for the students. The Township Committee has received the names of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduates and will be sending a letter and certificate from the Township Committee congratulating them on this great accomplishment. They will move on to the Southern Regional Middle School to continue their education.

Summer Recreation Camp & Golf Camp. The Township Committee regrets to announce that the Summer Recreation Camp and Golf Camp for 2020 are cancelled. The strict guidelines sent from the State of New Jersey and the CDC for youth camps make it impossible for the camp to adhere to the standards that have been put in place.

Resolution 2020-168 awards the competitive bid for the Bryant Road/Old Fishing Station bulkhead and dock reconstruction project. The bid award goes to Albert Marine Construction as the lowest bidder. The total amount is \$317,969.00. Capella Construction was the lowest bidder on June 11, 2020. The Township received correspondence indicating that they made a mathematical error in the calculation of the bid and requested to withdraw their bid pursuant to New Jersey Law.

Resolution 2020-170 Proclaiming June 14, 2020 as the 245<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United State Army. For the past 245 years, the Army's central mission has been to fight and win our Nation's wars. The motto of "Duty, Honor, Country" is the creed by which the American Soldier lives and serves. The Township of Ocean commends the soldiers of the United States Army, past and present and express our appreciation and gratitude.

Resolution 2020-175 appointing Valarie Anzovino as a full-time dispatcher. Valarie has completed her training and is able to work alone.

Police Department. The Township would like to acknowledge Sgt. James Capaccio, Ptl. Russell Moller and Ptl. Greg Mezzanotte for having been selected as recipients for this year's Life Saving Award from the 200 Club of Ocean County. Chief Rogalski nominated them for this award. The award exemplifies

dedication to duty and the selfless acts that are representative of what our First Responders do every time they go out to protect our community and serve us.

Deputy Mayor – Lydia M. Dodd

The Township Committee has decided at this time to cancel the Independence Day Celebration. Due to Covid 19, the groups that are slated to attend each year have not been able to practice.

Also, the Township has scheduled the dedication of the Waretown Memorial Park to “Corliss Park Lake and Recreation Area”. The sign could not be completed on time. The Township has rescheduled the Dedication to Friday, July 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Further details of the event will be sent via Township of Ocean’s e-mail.

The Township Committee has rescheduled the Town Wide Yard Sale to July 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a free event. A homeowner can register to be placed on the map or register to bring your items to the Lake & Recreation Area.

I am happy to report that this will be the last Zoom Meeting for the Township Committee. The next meeting scheduled on July 9<sup>th</sup> will be in the Town Hall Meeting Room. The public will be able to attend. It will be nice to be back to a normal meeting with public participation.

Ordinance 2020-6, Second Reading, Public Hearing. This ordinance amends Chapter 410 of the Township Codes entitled Zoning. There were areas in the code that needed clarification. This ordinance was introduced at the meeting of May 14<sup>th</sup> and was sent to the Planning Board for their review. The Planning Board met on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tonight, will be the final reading public hearing.

Resolution 2020-172 authorizes a refund of taxes due to overpayment. A resolution is required by law.

Resolution 2020-174 is a renewal for liquor licenses for the year 2020/2021. Each liquor license owner must complete the application online under the New Jersey Alcohol Beverage Commission. The due date has been extended until September under the Governor’s Executive Order.

At the meeting on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Township passed a resolution allowing restaurants and breweries to have temporary outdoor seating. The owners need to file a zoning permit, free of charge to the Township. This will show the Township where the seating area will be and how it is protected by barriers. If they have a liquor license, they must file for a special permit through NJ Alcoholic Beverage Control for \$75.00. These standards are part of the Governor’s Executive Order.

Vacant Property Registration Report. May registrations total \$13,500.00. Total amount received in 2020 is \$60,250.00.

Zoning Department – May – Twenty-five (25) applications approved, 11 applications pending review, 2 denied applications.

Code Enforcement – April – Seventy-six (76) Notices of Violation, 22 Second Notices of Violation, 12 properties abated their violations.

Construction - Cornerstone has received Temporary Certificates of Occupancy for all buildings.

Tradewinds is proceeding nicely. Inspections are ongoing. Clubhouse permits were issued.

Dunkin Donuts is starting work on the old Sonic property.

There have been 23 permits issued, with 33 permit updates. Two (2) Notices of Violation/Ordered to pay penalty for work without a permit. One (1) Unsafe Structures (structure falling down & fire).

#### Mayor – Ken Baulderstone

The Township will be opening its offices to the public. It is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th. The Township is taking the necessary precautions for the safety of the public and the staff. New windows have been installed in the Construction/Zoning, Clerks, and Tax Assessors offices. If all items are installed, the offices will be opened.

Residents will be asked to wear a mask while entering Township buildings. There will be markings on the floor for social distancing.

Residents are encouraged to continue to utilize the drop boxes in front of each office. Each box is checked a minimum of twice per day. Residents are encouraged to continue to call or e-mail staff as an alternative to coming to the offices.

The use of the Community Center will start after July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ordinance 2020-5, Second Reading, Public Hearing, clarifies the section of the codebook regarding sidewalks and curbs.

Resolution 2020-169 authorizes the purchase of a new roll-off truck. The truck being replaced is a 2001 and has 173,616 miles. This truck is the workhorse of the Department of Public Works. It is working everyday including snowstorms and emergencies. This truck was instrumental during Superstorm Sandy in gaining access into areas and removing debris from the streets. The trucks frame and cab are rusting away. The Township will be purchasing the new roll off truck through a State Cooperative. This was the best price for the vehicle. The Township does not have to bond for the vehicle. The Township has been budgeting each year, knowing this vehicle will have to be replaced. The cost of the vehicle through the co-op is \$220,177.60.

Resolution 2020-173 authorizes the submittal of the 2021 New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant for Bonita Road and Lagoon View Road. The State will cover the paving of the road, but the Township will be responsible for the drainage improvements. Last year the Township received \$315,000 in grant funding.

Resolution 2020-176 authorizes the purchase of a truck for the Department of Public Works. It is a Ford Super Duty F-450 with snowplow at the cost of \$75,414.00 through the State Cooperative.

This truck is replacing the 2007 water and sewer truck with 107,615 miles. The cab and body are rusting. The truck has become unsafe. The Township will not bond for the vehicle. The Township has been budgeting each year, knowing this vehicle would have to be replaced.

Department of Public Works. Please be aware the skatepark, basketball courts (singles only), tennis and pickleball courts are open. Last evening the Governor's office called to say doubles can now be played

on these courts. Pavilion and picnic tables are open. Playground equipment is not allowed to be used. Please be reminded when using the parks for passive recreation, use social distancing and wear masks. The Township Committee will continue to monitor the directives given by the Governor's office on parks and recreation.

Faust Park. The new playground equipment has been installed. The park area is being elevated to prevent future flooding of the equipment. Mulch has been laid in the immediate area of the equipment. Sod is scheduled to be laid next week. This park should be ready to open in the next week or two.

Dog Park. The fence for the dog park has been ordered. The purchase order has been sent to the vendor. The vendor anticipates having all the parts within in the next week or two for the Township Department of Public Works to pick up.

Community Center. The new air conditioning and new furnace have been installed.

Brush Pick Up. Brush pick up and storm cleanup has taken several days due to the extensive high winds. All sections of the Township have been picked up at this time. Residents should call to be placed on the next brush list for June 18, 2020

### **Committee Discussion:**

#### **Clean Up Weekend – June 12 & June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Residents will be required to stay in their vehicle. Only Department of Public Works employees will be working the event. Item must be brought to the Waretown Lake at 182 Wells Mills Road. Please provide proof of residence and wear a mask when you roll down your window. The hours are 8am-5pm on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and 8am-3pm on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> or until the dumpsters are full. The Department of Public Works will place all items in the dumpster. Items accepted are bulk garbage, couches, chairs, boats, etc. Boats should be cut up. Electronics accepted are TVs, computers, etc. Metal, appliances, propane tanks and freon items will be taken free of charge. Clean waste oil will be taken free of charge. Brush, branches, batteries and paint are accepted. The following items will not be accepted, tires, wood stains, gas, kerosene or aerosol cans and no oil or boat paints. No contractors can participate in the Town Wide Clean Up.

#### **Park Dedication Event**

Park Dedication will be held on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Lake and Recreation Area.

#### **Town Wide Yard Sale**

The Town Wide Yard Sale has been rescheduled to Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 8am–2pm.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed she will put flyers up on the website tomorrow for the Park Dedication and Town Wide Yard Sale.

#### **Chief of Police – Michal Rogalski**

Chief Rogalski read the June 2020 Police Report. The Police Department handled 4,837 calls for police service, 1 abandoned 9-1-1 call, 24 alarms were activated and responded to, 19 animal complaints were handled, 3,280 individual business and residential checks, 1 criminal mischief act was investigated, 3 domestic violence incidents, 7 verbal disputes/harassments, 7 disabled vehicles were assisted, 54 first aid

calls, 52 general complaints, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 2 juvenile complaints, 2 psychiatric evaluations (PESS), 42 suspicious persons and/or vehicles, 4 residential and commercial thefts were investigated. A full list of this activity is listed on the website.

**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

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed she received an item from Janet Buccella. “Thank you for this. It is comprehensive. I would like to know what the Police Department plans to do in light of the recent death of George Floyd at the hands of police using excessive deadly force. I had sent an email to Mayor Baulderstone last week that in turn was forwarded to the Committee and have not received a response yet and would like to request a follow up. I would like to know that the Township officials and Police Department are in tune and willing to step up and make an appropriate statement in support of the movement against police brutality and racism.”

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed she provided Ms. Buccella the Ocean Township Use of Force Policy and that is what she is thanking us for.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed as a follow up, Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio sent the Use of Force Policy to Ms. Buccella. The Ocean Township Police Department is an accredited police department. Only a percentage of police departments in the nation receive that type of accreditation. The Police Department has to comply with the New Jersey Attorney General guidelines for all of its training, be it motor vehicle chases, use of force, etc. One of the reasons the Police Department receives the accreditation that it has is because its officers are so well trained and investigates and protects the people of Waretown.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed no other public comments were received.

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

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

**Resolution 2020-167** Payment of Claims as presented to the Township Committee for the for payment thereof in the amount of \$1,188,555.24

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

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

**Ordinance 2020-5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Public Hearing**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 336 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS" AND ESTABLISHING ARTICLE III ENTITLED "SIDEWALKS AND CURBS"

**Motion to open Public Comment** was moved by Committeeman LoParo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dodd.

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

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed she received no public comment on this ordinance.

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

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

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-5** was moved by Committeeman LoParo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dodd.

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

**Ordinance 2020-6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Public Hearing**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 410 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ZONING".**

**Motion to open Public Comment** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed she received no public comment on this ordinance.

**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 Ordinance 2020-6** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo

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

**Resolution 2020-168**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE BID FOR THE BRYANT ROAD BULKHEAD AND DOCK RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO ALBERT MARINE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$317,969.00

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

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

**Resolution 2020-169**

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing the purchase or a Roll off Truck with a snowplow for the Department of Public Works through the Sourcewell Cooperative for \$220,177.60

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.**

- 2020-170 Resolution proclaiming June 14, 2020 as the 245<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Army
- 2020-171 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, recognizing June 15, 2020 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- 2020-172 Resolution authorizing the refund of overpayment of taxes to 22 Maple Street in the amount of \$601.27
- 2020-173 Resolution authorizing the submittal of the grant application and execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Bonita Road and Lagoon View Road for Improvement project
- 2020-174 Resolution authorizing the renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2020/2021 for: Neptune Investment Corp. (Lighthouse Tavern); Skippers Cove Beach Club, Inc, Holiday Beach Club
- 2020-175 Resolution authorizing the hiring of Valerie Anzovino as a full-time Dispatcher. Valarie has completed her training and is appointed June 11, 2020

### **Motion to approve - Resolutions 2020-170 through 2020-175**

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

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

Mayor Baulderstone discussed he received a phone call last night from the Governor's office and was told the beach clubs can open effective immediately. The bars will be open June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed she has spoken to all club presidents and they are aware they can open. Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed she has received an email from the NJ Alcoholic Beverage Control giving municipalities the directive from the Attorney General's Office.

### **Resolution 2020-176**

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing the purchase of a F-450 Super Duty with a snowplow for the Department of Public Works through the Sourcewell Cooperative for \$75,414.00

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

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

### **Next Scheduled Meetings**

June 25, 2020 – Business Meeting – 10:00 am

July 9, 2020 – Business Meeting – 7:00 pm

### **Adjournment**

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

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Boulderstone: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Date