

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN BUSINESS MEETING/WORKSHOP

December 22, 2020

6:00 pm

- Zoom Meeting -

Call to Order

Flag Salute

ROLL CALL: LOPARO X DODD X BAULDERSTONE X

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

Mayor – Ken Baulderstone

Due to Covid-19, this year has been very different than the Township could have imagined on January 1, 2020. The Township has faced many challenges in serving the community. The Township employees and members of the First Aid Squad and Fire Company have displayed amazing commitment by being prepared to face up to the uncertainty of this virus. I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

Throughout the pandemic the Police and First Aid Squad have continued responding to calls, protecting the residents under the guidance of the Office of Emergency Management. The Department of Public Works has continued to perform the normal schedule of services despite the risks and various shortages due to the pandemic.

The Building Department and Administration has continued to function in a modified form, as it has been necessary to close the buildings to the public at different times. I thank the residents for their understanding and tolerance with the inconvenience the closings have caused. The pandemic has forced the cancellation of many Township events including Founder's Day and fireworks, the Independence Day Celebration, Haunted Hayride and the Christmas celebrations.

Despite the pandemic, several projects have been undertaken. The Department of Public Works built the new off-leash dog park that has proven to be very popular. Faust Park was renovated and new playground equipment was installed. The new park was created at the end of Bryant Road, with the demolition of the old restaurant building and the installation of a new bulkhead and dock. This park will be completed in the Spring. New bulkheads have been installed at Crystal Point and other street ends. The new pump station was installed on Bayshore Drive and there have been several improvements to the water/sewer systems. Plans are in place for the refurbishment of the water towers in 2021 on Birdsall and 8th Street. The achievements by the Township are significant especially during the pandemic. I thank all the employees and professionals that have demonstrated their dedication and commitment to the residents.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the Business Administrator, Diane Ambrosio, for her management through the many changes that have taken place during this most challenging of times.

As my term as Mayor ends, I wish to thank Deputy Mayor Lydia Dodd and Committeeman Ben LoParo for their support during the year.

Ordinance 2020-19. Tonight, is the 2nd reading public hearing regarding a 2% increase on the water and sewer rates for rate payers. The Township does not want to raise the rates but due to making required improvements to the system it is necessary. The annual costs of doing business includes the cost of fuel, salaries, Ocean County Municipal Utility Authority processing, upgrades, meeting the needs of the Clean Water Act and refurbishing two water towers. The new increase will take effect in January 2021. The fixed quarterly rate for sewer usage was \$44.51 and will now be \$45.40 and the water fixed rate was \$35.61 will now be \$36.32

Ordinance 2020-20. Tonight, is the 2nd reading public hearing of this ordinance amending and supplementing the refunding of disabled veterans' taxes. This ordinance is clarifying the timeframe for the filing of 100% disabled veterans.

Resolution 2020-294 awards the door automation contract for the Police Department. The Township continues to make changes to bring the Township buildings into compliance with the American Disabilities Act. The Township has received a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) grant in the amount of \$32,000. The award is to William Kohl Construction in the amount of \$24,650.00.

Department of Public Works

The Township is happy to report the construction trailer has been removed.

The Township's holiday decorations have been put up along Route 9 and the trees at the school and Town Hall have been decorated. There is a new lighted tree addition to the Township holiday lights at the Waretown Lake and Recreation area. The tree is located at the end of the pier.

The Township continues to pick up leaves at residents' properties. This will be finished at the end of the month. The Township Committee is discussing a possible new location for leaf drop off. Department of Public Works will finish all locations within the Township prior to the end of December.

Holiday Tree pick up will be the first three (3) Fridays in January. Please be reminded the tree must have nothing on it and at the curb to be picked up for it to be recycled.

The parts finally came from Spawn Ranch in California for the Skate Park. The Department of Public Works repaired all items and the skate park is now open.

Due to Covid-19, The Township has been opening and closing the tennis courts at the lake and pickleball courts at Sands Point Park. Residents do not need to come to the Police Department to obtain the keys.

The Department of Public Works has installed ring doorbell systems at Town Hall, Police, Court and Construction Offices. This is to assist residents during this time that the offices are closed to the public.

Township Bulkhead Repair. The bulkhead on Crystal Point and Maplewood Road are complete, except for final turf restoration behind the bulkhead. The contract is working on the replacement of street end bulkheads in Skippers Cove and will be moving to Holiday Harbor in the next few weeks. Crystal Bay Peninsula Park is again, open to the Public. Thank you for your patience while this work was being completed.

2020 Road Improvement Program – Michigan Avenue, Ocean Avenue, sections of Kennedy Drive and Delaware Drive. The storm drain installation is nearly complete. The surveyor was on-site on 12/2 for the roadway layout.

2021 Road Improvement Program – Bonita Road and Lagoon View Drive. The New Jersey Department of Transportation has awarded the Township a grant for this project in the amount of \$401,000.

Holiday House Decorating Contest. This was the best year of participation. Thirty-eight (38) homes entered the contest. Thank you to the Special Events Committee who came out and judged. The winners were announced, as well as the list of all the participants, via the Township's e-mail and Facebook page.

Winners for 2020

1. 21 Spruce Street
2. 52 Johnson Street
3. 24 Bay Parkway

Honorable Mention

99 Michigan Avenue
18 Dock Avenue
442 7th Street
18 Marlin Way

The Township is sponsoring a Snowman Building contest. The contest will run from December 1st to March 1st. Please send pictures to be entered to recreation@twpoceannj.gov or place in drop box in front of Town Hall.

I wish all of you a very Happy Holidays. Thank you and stay safe!

Deputy Mayor – Lydia M. Dodd

Good evening everyone. Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.

Resolution 2020-292. The Township is authorizing appropriation transfers as allowed by the State of New Jersey during the last two months of the fiscal year.

Resolutions 2020-296 thru 2020-298. These resolutions are authorizing the release of performance and maintenance bonds as recommended by the Township Engineer.

Resolution 2020-299. This resolution is authorizing a property tax lien on 75 Main Street, due to owners failed to abate violations in the amount of \$888.76.

Resolution 2020-300 thru 2020-302. These resolutions are authorizing tax refunds for overpayment of taxes and refunds for totally disabled taxes. These need to be completed by resolution as per New Jersey State law.

Vacant Property Registration Report. November registrations total \$2,250.00. December registration as of December 22, 2020 is \$0. Total amount received in 2020 is \$92,000.

Zoning Department – October. 29 applications were approved, 13 pending review and 2 denied applications.

Code Enforcement – October. 6 Notices of Violation, 2 Second Notices of Violation and 3 properties abated their violations.

Construction - 25 permits issued with 5 permit updates and 1 Notice of Violation (work without a permit).

Tradewinds is proceeding nicely, inspections are ongoing. The Township Engineer is waiting for the site work to begin as stated by the developer.

Happy Holidays. Please stay well and safe through the holidays. Thank you.

Committeeman – Ben LoParo

Good Evening. Thank you all for joining the meeting this evening.

Police

Resolution 2020-303. This resolution is accepting the resignation of Officer Mastrandrea. Therefore, the Township is advertising for a new Police Officer. The Township is filling this position.

Resolution 2020-295. This resolution authorizes the Township of Ocean to accept the Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subgrant Program (EMAA). The grant is for a total of \$10,000. 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 Office of Emergency Management. Thank you to the Township of Ocean Police Department for securing this grant.

Resolution 2020-305 & 306. These two resolutions authorize the shared service agreements with the Ocean County Prosecutor's office. One shared services agreement is for the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement program. The second is for the Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program. The Prosecutor's office and the municipality have determined it to be in their mutual interest for the municipality to designate certain police officers to be assigned the Prosecutor's program. This Shared Service Agreement is passed each year and has proven beneficial to each entity.

Resolution 2020-307. This resolution approves the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2020 Budget in the sum of \$6,000 which is now available as revenue from the National Priority Safety Program for the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown". This needs to be completed by Resolution and submitted to the State of New Jersey.

The Township Calendars are complete for 2021 and have been mailed. The calendars are mailed but are not delivered to P.O. Boxes. If you do not receive a calendar by January 1st you can obtain one from Town Hall.

Municipal Alliance

The Township of Ocean Operation Stocking Stuffer Annual Toy Drive was a great success. Thank you to all the people that donated and "Stuffed a Cruiser" with toys and then some. As we all know the pandemic has hit many people hard this year and it is encouraging that so many came together as a community and helped families in need. The toys were donated to local families through the Toy Run Foundation which is operated by Sgt. Dennis Jarin from our Police Department and his family.

Thank you to the Greenbriar Men's club for donating 80 complete meals for residents in Waretown. The meals were delivered by the Police Department.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays. Stay safe!

Chief of Police - Michal Rogalski

Chief Rogalski read the November 2020 Police Report. The Police Department handled 3,788 calls for police service, 4 abandoned 9-1-1 calls, 28 alarms were activated and responded to, 24 animal complaints, 2,448 business and/or residential checks, 2 criminal mischief acts, 3 domestic violence incidents, 2 verbal disputes and/or harassment complaints, 10 disabled vehicles, 3 drunk drivers, 3 drug arrests, 96 first aid calls, 65 general complaints, 32 motor vehicle accidents, 211 motor vehicle stops of which 54 summons were issued, 1 juvenile complaint, 10 psychiatric evaluations, 8 persons were arrested on various warrants, 51 suspicious persons and/or vehicles, 6 thefts from residents or commercial properties. A full list of this activity is listed on the website.

Thank you to the Forked River Rotary Club and Greenbriar Men's Club for the donation of 80 turkey dinners for Thanksgiving. The Greenbriar Men's Club was gracious enough to donate another 80 turkey holiday meals for Christmas, which were delivered by the Police Department.

The Police Department calculated a total of 80 children from local families in town that were assisted in addition to the toys that were collected. The Police Department was also able to collect over \$2,000 in donations and an additional \$1,000 was raised by members of the Police Department which were allowed to grow beards.

Jason Worth, T&M Engineering, discussed Ordinance Nos. 2020-17 and 2020-18.

Ordinance 2020-17 is on the agenda for second reading this evening. This ordinance is for an amendment to the Waretown Town Center Economic Redevelopment Plan for the Town Center District. The Township previously adopted an Economic Redevelopment Plan pursuant to NJSA 40A:12A-1 on December 13, 2007, which was later amended pursuant to Ordinance 2013-8 on April 11, 2013. The current amendment to the Town Center District Redevelopment Plan identifies and provides enhanced design standards for a new Waretown Plaza Subdistrict at the Northwest corner of Volunteer Way and Route 9. It revises proposed roadway networks and street typologies in order to ensure cohesiveness between the various Town Center Subdistrict.

Ordinance 2020-18, also on the agenda for second reading tonight, creates a site-specific Redevelopment Plan for Block 241.11, Lot 12.02, 13.01, 13.02; Block 343 all lots and Block 352 all lots. The properties encompass 24.5 acres and are located on US Route 9. The subject properties are either located in the C1 Zone or have been determined an area in need of redevelopment to allow for the effective redevelopment of the overall tract. The Redevelopment Plan identifies and provides design standards, uses and bulk standards for the subject property.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Baulderstone discussed this Public Comment is a general public comment. There will be further opportunities for public comment in respect to the two (2) ordinances that Mr. Worth just discussed.

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

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

No comment from the public.

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- 290 Payment of Claims as presented to the Township Committee for the payment thereof in the amount of \$2,127,888.44.

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

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

Ordinance 2020-17 – 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

An Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Amending the Waretown Center Economic Redevelopment Plan for the TC (Town Center) District Redevelopment Plan Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET Seq.

Motion to open Public Comment for Ordinance 2020-17 was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio noticed a call-in person and inquired if the call-in wanted to speak on the ordinance.

Sarah Cook, Waretown Library Interim Branch Manager, discussed she called in to join the Zoom Meeting and does not have any comments at this time.

No other comments from the public.

Motion to close Public Comment for Ordinance 2020-17 was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-17 was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Ordinance 2020-18 – 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 241.11, LOTS 12.02, 13.01, AND 13.02 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

Motion to open Public Comment for Ordinance 2020-18 was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

No comment from the public.

Motion to close Public Comment for Ordinance 2020-18 was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-18 was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Ordinance 2020-19 –2nd Reading – Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-09 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 13 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “WATER AND SEWER UTILITY DEPARTMENT” AND FEES RELATED THEREOF.

Motion to open Public Comment for Ordinance 2020-19 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 Comment for Ordinance 2020-19 was moved by Committeeman LoParo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dodd.

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-19 was moved by Committeeman LoParo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dodd.

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

Ordinance 2020-20 –2nd Reading – Public Hearing

This ordinance was introduced as Ordinance 2020-16 erroneously with a typographical error, as it is Ordinance 2020-20. The error is de minis in nature and does not affect the substance of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 345 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “TAXATION”.

Motion to open Public Comment for Ordinance 2020-20 was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

No comment from the public.

Motion to close Public Comment for Ordinance 2020-20 was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-20 was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

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

Resolution 2020- 291

Resolution designating Herman Zell and Marsha Zell as Redevelopers for the Redevelopment Area known as Block 241.11, Lots 12.02, 13.01, and 13.02 Block 343 and Block 352 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

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

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

Resolution 2020-292

Resolution authorizing appropriation transfers in the current fund in the amount of \$137,000.00 and Utility Operating account in the amount of \$95,000.00

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

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

Resolution 2020-293

Resolution authorizing the hiring of part-time per diem Department of Public Works employees for the year 2020 at the rate of \$13.00 per hour

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

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

Resolution 2020-294

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the bid for the FY 2020 CDBG Barrier Free Access Improvements at the Police Station in the amount of \$24,650.00

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.

- 2020-295 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the execution of the Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant
- 2020-296 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing release of performance guarantee for Greenbriar Oceanaire Section 5, Phase A & B
- 2020-297 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, county of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing release of maintenance guarantee for Greenbriar Oceanaire Section 7, Phase C
- 2020-298 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, county of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing release of maintenance guarantee for Greenbriar Oceanaire Section 7, Phase A
- 2020-299 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean State of New Jersey authorizing a lien be placed on 175 Main Street due to owners failed to abate violations for \$888.76

- 2020-300 Resolution authorizing the refund to 83 Tiller for taxes in the amount of \$2,129.98, totally disabled Veteran and exempt from taxes
- 2020-301 Resolution authorizing the refund to 4 Harvey Cedars Way for taxes in the amount of \$1,690.66, totally disabled Veteran and exempt from taxes
- 2020-302 Resolution authorizing the refund to 32 Central Avenue for overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$679.88
- 2020-303 Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the resignation of Officer Anthony Mastrandrea from the Ocean Township Police Department
- 2020-304 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing the execution of schedule "C" agreement with the County of Ocean for the year 2021 in the amount of \$60,000
- 2020-305 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the Execution of Shared Services Agreement with County of Ocean pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 ET. Seq., for the Prosecutor's Program – Driving while intoxicated program
- 2020-306 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the Execution of Shared Services Agreement with County of Ocean pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 ET. Seq., for the Prosecutor's Program – Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program (D.R.E.C.E.P)
- 2020-307 Resolution requesting the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2020 Budget in the amount of \$6,000 .00 for a grant for "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over – Year end holiday crackdown"

Motion to approve - Resolutions 2020-295 through 2020-307:

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

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

Resolution 2020-308

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, accepting the resignation of Rebecca Wells from the Ocean Township Police Department Dispatch

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

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

Resolution 2020-309

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertise for the position of Police Dispatcher

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 Township of Ocean for 2021

Price right Auto Repair – 961 North Main Street Manahawkin

Freedom Towing – 1725 U.S. Highway 9 Toms River

Accurate Towing – 14 James Street Toms River

Jersey Shore Towing – 661 Atlantic City Blvd Bayville

Midland Motors, Inc Towing – 601 Atlantic City Blvd Bayville

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

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

Next Scheduled Meetings

Re-Organization Meeting – January 1, 2021 at 12:00 Noon – *Zoom Meeting*
**Information will be posted on Township Website & published in the newspapers*

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:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date