

MEETING MINUTES

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
BUSINESS MEETING/WORKSHOP**

March 4, 2021

10:00 am

- Zoom Meeting -

Call to Order

Flag Salute

ROLL CALL: LOPARO X DODD Absent 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 Discussion

- Budget items

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed Township CFO Rodney Haines prepared a rough draft of wish-list budget items, numbers and five-year plans from the Fire Department, First Aid, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Finance, Town Hall Departments, Construction/Zoning and the Court. This meeting is to discuss the 2021 Budget to keep on track for possible introduction in April.

One of the items the Court has requested is for a stand-alone metal detector. The Courts are trying to open to the public. It is better for court attendees to walk through a metal detector than have Police Officers wandering them. Chief Rogalski found one for a reasonable price. The Police Department needs upgrades in the dispatch area and equipment in the Department of Public Works needs upgrades as well.

With budget numbers prepared by CFO Haines, the Township is below two cents. Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed she will work with CFO Haines to get this lower before the introduction.

Deputy Mayor LoParo discussed he reviewed the draft with Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio and does not have any questions.

CFO Haines discussed the numbers are very rough. He is still trying to get the Township's year-end up to date. Hopefully next week he will be more confident as to where some of these numbers are. The revenues used to offset the Township's Current Fund can be modified so the Township will not need to have the same amount of tax revenue to cover it, based on COVID and what happened in 2020 and what may happen in 2021.

Committeeman Boulderstone inquired what the increase was last year.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed last year's increase was approximately .0189 cent.

CFO Haines discussed it should not be a problem to get it down to at least .0175 or maybe .015. It's tougher with COVID, as the same amount of revenue fees are not coming in. Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio and I will work on this and introduce the budget in April.

Committeeman Baulderstone discussed he is good and does not have any questions.

Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for the end of March. It is very difficult to ask people to gather this year. The Municipal Alliance discussed Easter Bags could be dropped off for students at the school.

Committeeman Baulderstone discussed it would be great if the kids could attend, but terrible if even just one person was exposed to COVID, as a result of the Easter Egg Hunt. It is wrong to go ahead with it.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the event could be revisited later, maybe do a Spring scavenger hunt.

Deputy Mayor LoParo discussed cost-effective Easter Bags could be distributed at the school. The kids are back in school five days a week.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio will reach out to the school.

Founder's Day

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed she would like to recommend having the fireworks at the end of Bryant Road, no matter what, as a kickoff to Summer. The firework company is not going to hold the price for the Township another year. Children's rides and events at the school would be difficult, as they cannot gather inside a bounce house.

Chief Rogalski discussed whatever the Township Committee decides, the Police Department will make it happen.

Deputy Mayor LoParo inquired if social distancing will be an issue at the end of Bryant Road.

Chief Rogalski discussed the amount of people gathering in the last few years is not as much as ten years ago. Socially, people are accustomed to being distanced anyway. I do not think there will be a problem. There is enough room. Most people gather at the end of Tuscarora and other streets as well.

Committeeman Baulderstone thinks the Township should have the fireworks. People are accustomed to social distancing. Hopefully by May, we will turn a corner and there won't be an issue.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, May 29th at dusk. The Township does not have a band at the end of Bryant Road, maybe next year. That's why there is less people.

Drive In Movie (May 22, 2021)

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed due to the cancellation of events, Recreation Director Jean Broadbent and I have discussed holding a Drive-In Movie Night at the school. The movie will be Toy Story or Shrek.

Committeeman Baulderstone discussed having an ice cream giveaway for movie goers.

Deputy Mayor LoParo discussed it depends on the COVID numbers. If everyone is vaccinated by May, the Township could have bounce houses there.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

No comment from the public.

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Resolution 2021-110 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$146,636.66

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Ordinance 2021-5 – 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 400 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “WATER AND SEWER”

Motion to open Public Comment Ordinance 2021-5 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

No comment from the public.

Motion to close Public Comment Ordinance 2021-5 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-5 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Ordinance 2021-6 – 2nd Reading – Title Only

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 405 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “WATER SERVICE CONNECTION”

Motion to open Public Comment Ordinance 2021-6 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

No comment from the public.

Motion to close Public Comment Ordinance 2021-6 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-6 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Ordinance 2021-7 – 2nd Reading – Title Only

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 445 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “SEWER CONNECTIONS”

Motion to open Public Comment Ordinance 2021-7 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

No comment from the public.

Motion to close Public Comment Ordinance 2021-7 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-7 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Ordinance 2021-8 – 2nd Reading – Title Only

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING CHAPTER 75 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

Motion to open Public Comment Ordinance 2021-8 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

No comment from the public.

Motion to close Public Comment Ordinance 2021-8 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-8 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Resolution 2021-111

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, extending time period for Dog and Cat Licenses

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

Roll Call: 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.

- 2021-112 Resolution authorizing a donation of one child registration for Summer Camp to the Ocean Township School PTA Gift Auction
- 2021-113 Resolution authorizing a donation of one Family 4-Pack of Fast Passes for the Ocean Township School PTA Gift Auction
- 2021-114 Resolution authorizing the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Member participation in the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission cooperative pricing system agreement

Motion to approve - Resolutions 2021-112 through 2021-114:

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Next Scheduled Meetings

March 16, 2021 – 6:00 PM (Zoom)

**April 1, 2021 – 10:00 am Workshop/Regular Business Meeting

April 20, 2021 – 6:00 pm Regular Business meeting

***Can be canceled*

Adjournment

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

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date