

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
BUSINESS MEETING/WORKSHOP
May 18, 2021
6:00 pm

Call to Order

Flag Salute

ROLL CALL: BAULDERSTONE X LOPARO X DODD 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

Proclamation

National EMS Week - May 16–22, 2021

Mayor Lydia Dodd read and presented the framed Proclamation to Waretown First Aid Squad Captain Steve Emanuel to honor National EMS Week.

International Firefighters Day - May 4, 2021

Committeeman Ken Boulderstone read and presented the framed Proclamation to Waretown Volunteer Fire Company Chief Shane Leaming and Assistant Chief Anthony O’Hara to honor International Firefighters’ Week.

National Police Week - May 9–15, 2021

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

National Public Works Week - May 16–22, 2021

Committeeman Ken Boulderstone read and presented the framed Proclamation to Township of Ocean Public Works Superintendent Matt Ambrosio and Light Equipment Operator Anthony O’Hara to honor Public Works Week.

Committee Reports

Mayor – Lydia M. Dodd

Thank you for joining us this evening for our regular business meeting.

Tonight, the Township Committee is announcing an “Adopt a Bench” Program. The Township has been contacted by a few residents inquiring to have a bench placed at a park for a family member. The Township will post the information on the Township webpage and have available for pick up in Town Hall. A person or family wanting to donate a bench will be able to choose the park they want the bench placed. It will also include a cast bronze plaque up to 4 lines/28 characters that will be placed on the bench. The donation for a bench is \$1,000.00. The person will be notified upon receipt of the bench and

plaque and will be notified on the date of installation. The Township of Ocean will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the park bench.

Veteran's Memorial Park. The Township will not be holding the Independence Day Celebration this year. The Township is planning a Veteran's Memorial Park. The location is where the old Construction Office trailer was located. The Township will have an event at the time of grand opening of the park in late October.

Vacant Property Registration Report. For the month of April, the Township received \$6,500.00. Total amount receive in 2021 is \$49,250.00.

Zoning Department. 73 applications were approved, 17 applications pending review and 6 denial zoning applications.

Code Enforcement. 67 Notices of Violation, 9 Second Notices of Violation and 12 properties abated their violations.

Construction Department – April. 55 permits issued, 9 permits updated, 34 Certificates of Approval, 4 Certificates of Occupancy, 2 Notices of Violation order to pay penalty (work without a permit), 2 Notices of Violation violating the provisions of the UCC and 1 Notice of Unsafe Structure.

Ordinance 2021-11, Resolutions 2021-148, 2021-149, 2021-150. These items are required by the State of New Jersey for the introduction and reading of the 2021 Municipal Budget. The Budget introduced tonight will be posted on the Township website and the Budget Summary will be published in the Asbury Park Press. The budget being introduced 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. I firmly believe we have struck that balance with the budget being introduced.

There were some shortfalls in last year's budget due to COVID19. The Township has been able to recover some of the shortfalls with the Ocean County Cares Act funding. The Township continues to review areas that can be improved. The Township is continuing the Shared Service Agreements for cost savings. This year includes a Shared Service Agreement with Little Egg Harbor for a Chief Financial Officer. The Township also shares services and has a part-time Construction Official, Sub-Code Officials, Tax Collector and Tax Assessor for additional cost savings.

There are the annual costs of doing business that go up including pension payments, salaries, fuel, electric, etc. The Township does need to provide the proper items necessary for the departments to continue to do their jobs effectively.

The Township Committee along with the Township Finance Officer and Business Administrator have been working diligently to have the 2021 budget complete. This year even with the Township working hard to keep costs down the Township will have an increase of less than 2 cents (\$0.013). The public hearing to adopt is on June 15, 2021.

	<u>Avg. House Assmt.</u>	<u>Avg. Increase based upon \$.013</u>
Township Houses	\$270,600.00	\$35.18 - Total year
Greenbriar Houses	\$323,600.00	\$42.07 - Total year

Resolutions 2021-153. The sale on GovDeals last month netted the Township \$7,298.02. This resolution is authorizing the sale of items that are no longer in use at the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company. All items can be found on Govdeals.com

Tradewinds. The developer has received approval from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to complete the curb work on Route 9. As you can see the company is working on these items right now. The developer is working diligently to obtain a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for Buildings 1 and 2.

Thank you.

Deputy Mayor – Ben LoParo

Good Evening, nice to see everyone in the audience this evening.

Ordinance 2021-10. This evening is the 2nd Reading, Public Hearing. The wireless Telecommunication industry is utilizing space in public right-of-ways for the installation of small cell wireless facilities. The Township encourages wireless infrastructure investment and wishes to provide a fair process, while preserving the Township's ability to manage public right-of-ways in the overall interest of the public health, safety, and welfare. This ordinance establishes these guidelines.

Ordinance 2021-12. The ordinance being introduced tonight is regarding Cannabis Establishments in the Township. The Township is waiting for the Cannabis Commission to send the actual requirements involving recreational marijuana. The Township of Ocean is not against having recreational cannabis businesses but want to establish them according to the laws, licensing and zoning requirements set by the State. At this time, a business for manufacturing or warehousing must be located in an Industrial Zone. Currently the Township does not have an industrial zone. The Township Committee will be reviewing the zoning necessary to approve the different types of licenses. In the future, the Township will be looking at all the different alternatives, once the Cannabis Commission starts moving. The State has lost tax revenue for five months not having cannabis for sale. It was one of the things that was going to help us, help our schools and help our taxes.

The State of New Jersey when passing the law only gave municipalities a timeline to pass an ordinance. The ordinance must be completed by August 21, 2021. The Township has the ability at any time to opt in with a new ordinance. The Township Committee will be reviewing the zoning and the licenses to determine the best fit and location within the town. The Township Committee is not opposed to recreational cannabis businesses, but would like the opportunity to zone it in the proper locations and put limits, if the Township so desires. The second reading public hearing will be June 15, 2021 at 6pm.

Waretown Bayfront Park & Pier. The Township will be holding a small Grand Opening for Waretown Bayfront Park & Pier (formerly known as Bryant Road Park). The event will be Tuesday, May 25th at 11:30 am at the park. A ribbon cutting will take place. All are invited to attend, and the Kona Ice truck will be there providing free flavored ice. Due to COVID19 some of the items will not be in place immediately, as the Township awaits the arrival of the new garbage cans, picnic tables and bathroom. As soon as they arrive, they will be brought to the park. The Township Committee wants the park open for all to enjoy.

Resolution 2021-158. The Township is entering into an agreement with F.R.O.G. Canoe and Kyak Rental LLC for Waretown Bayfront Park & Pier. The Forked River Outdoor Group is a veteran-owned company. The Township went out for a request for proposal for a food truck and a non-motorized sports

concession. At this time, the Township has not received any requests for a food concession. The Township looks forward to a great first season with this company.

Resolution 2021-158. The Township of Ocean Committee support the Police Department in the 2021 Click or Ticket Seat Belt mobilization. Approximately 40% of motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt. This mobilization will take place from May 24–June 6, 2021.

Resolution 2021-163. This resolution is approving and accepting the grant for “Cops in Shops” Summer shore initiative. The Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control has allocated \$3,520.00 to the Township of Ocean for the assignment.

The Municipal Alliance will be hosting a Drive-In Movie on Saturday, May 22nd at 8:00 pm. The movie will be the original “Toy Story”. There will be a food truck and ice cream truck at the event starting at 7:00 pm.

Thank you.

Committeeman – Ken Baulderstone

Good Evening.

Tonight, I would like to let the residents know, since the State of New Jersey is changing the requirements for events, the Township Committee is announcing the renting of Community Center and renting of Corliss Park Pavilion will start again on Friday, May 21, 2021.

All Township meetings of the Senior Advisory, Special Events Committee and Environmental Commission will reconvene starting June 1, 2021.

Resolution 2021-155. This resolution authorizes project closeout and Change Order #1 for the 2020 Street End Bulkhead reconstruction project. The change order is for additional work that was necessary regarding adjustments for as-built quantities as well as extra work on Cutlass Way and Tiller Avenue. The bulkhead replacement work is complete. The contractor is working on the last few punch list items at various sites.

Resolution 2021-159. This resolution is rejecting the rate increase request by New Jersey Natural Gas. Ocean County residents are still suffering the economic impacts of the ongoing COVID19 pandemic. Seniors and other vulnerable residents may be forced to choose between paying the increase or buying the necessary food and medicine. The Township of Ocean requests the Board of Public Utilities reject this unnecessary rate increase.

Resolution 2021-162. This resolution is supporting a grant application that was sent out by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. This Recreation Improvement Grant will be used to complete a walking trail from Royal Oaks Drive to Railroad Avenue. This will formalize an existing informal trail. This provides a strategic connection between existing residential neighborhoods, the Ocean County Rail Trail, recreational facilities, and the school.

The Department of Public Works continues with washing down dead-end manholes, jetting sewer mains in Pebble Beach, installing water and sewer connections at Waretown Bayfront Park & Pier, continuing stormwater maintenance in Sands Point and grading of dirt roads.

2020 Road Project. The road work is being completed including roadway milling, base paving work and restoration work will continue. All should be fully completed by end of May.

Recreation. Due to COVID restrictions, the Township will not be holding the annual summer camp. The Township has hired outside companies that provide camps for children. There is a cost for the outside vendors. Each camp has a separate price for each week. There is a Camp Crafty, New Logic Marine Science Camp, Academy of Amazement Magic Camp and Amazing Athletes of the Jersey Shore Camp. These camps will take place under the pavilion at Corliss Park. There is a Soccer Shots Camp which will take place at Toumey Park. Ocean County Parks Nature series will be holding their programs at Corliss Park & Lake Area each week starting July 21st. The list of camps and classes are posted on the Township website. The forms can be picked up at Town Hall.

Town Wide Yard Sale. As of today, there are 44 homes registered and 21 registered at Corliss Park & Lake Area. The event is FREE. Residents may opt to register their address to be placed on a map that will be distributed. A common yard sale area will be set up at the Corliss Park & Lake Area, for anyone wishing to bring their items to sell. All can participate. The last day to register for the map is Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

REMINDER: Founder's Day events will not take place this year. The fireworks will take place over the bay at dusk at approximately 9:00 pm, weather permitting.

Thank you.

Chief of Police – Michal Rogalski

The municipal detention facility, which is the holding processing room, has been inspected on April 12th by a staff member from Ronin Security Solutions Group, which is a vendor for the New Jersey Department of Corrections. They are granted the authority to conduct inspections to make sure the department meets the minimum standards for New Jersey municipal detention facilities. As a result of this inspection, the department was informed that the Ocean Township Police Department was to be in full compliance with the requirements set forth. The letter states "You and your staff are congratulated in this achievement and are to be commended for the efforts made in preparation for this inspection. The hard work and dedication by the staff of your facility was evident to the members of the inspection team and certainly deserve a special recognition." This is the second year in a row that we have met and exceeded all requirements.

The Ocean Township Police Department also conducted two food drives through the Police Department in conjunction with the PBA this month, in support of St. Stephens food bank and the Waretown Methodist Church. There were two events, one in Greenbriar and one in the back parking lot by the Fire Department. The food banks are in dire need of food two times a year, right before Summer and around the holidays. The department was able to bridge that gap in our community. It was a job well done by the members of the Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

Resolution 2021-146 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$2,647,192.38

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS REGARDING DEPLOYMENT OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion to Open to the Public Ordinance 2021-10 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

No comment from the public.

Motion to Close to the Public Ordinance 2021-10 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-10 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11

CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-11 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 125 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS, DISTRIBUTION AND DELIVERY SERVICES PROHIBITED”

Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-12 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

Resolution 2021-147

Resolution authorizing an increase in the 2021 Temporary Operating Budget in the amount of \$981,350.00 and the Utility Operating Budget in the amount \$510,500.00

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

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

Resolution 2021-148

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Authorizing the reading of the budget by Title Only

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

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

Resolution 2021-149

Resolution authorizing the Township of Ocean to participate in the program by Division of Local Government Services, and Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the budget self-examination program for 2021

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

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

Resolution 2021-150

Authorizing the Municipal Budget of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey for fiscal year 2021. The Budget Summary will be published on May 25, 2021 in the Asbury Park Press Newspaper. The Public Hearing on the Budget Resolution will be held June 15, 2021 at the Municipal Building Meeting Room, 50 Railroad Avenue, Waretown NJ 08758 at 6:00 pm for final passage

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

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

Resolution 2021-151

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, awarding bid for the Waretown Bayfront Park and Pier Non-Motorized Sports Concession project to F.R.O.G. Canoe and Kayak Rentals

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

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

- 2021-152 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey proclaiming the month of May as "Paint the Board Pink!" month
- 2021-153 Resolution authorizing disposal of Surplus Property of the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company through the Township of Ocean
- 2021-154 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing the release of escrow money held in the of Lisa Caulfield in the amount of \$2,436.88

- 2021-155 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing project closeout and final payment and change order number 1 for the fiscal year 2020 street end bulkhead reconstruction project
- 2021-156 Resolution authorizing the refund of overpayment to the Tax/Utility Office for Block 241.11, Lot 5.01 in the amount of \$6,277.05
- 2021-157 Resolution authorizing the refund of overpayment to the Tax/Utility Office for Block 108, Lot 2.02 in the amount of \$120.40
- 2021-158 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey supporting Click it or Ticket Seat Belt Mobilization from May 24-June 6, 2021
- 2021-159 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, requesting the state Board of Public Utilities rejecting New Jersey Natural Gas Rate Increase, supporting New Jersey Natural Gas should pay for improvements and an Ocean County resident should be appointed to the State Board of Utilities
- 2021-160 Resolution consenting to and endorsing the purchase of the property Block 30, Lot 20 within the Township of Ocean by the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee
- 2021-161 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing the execution of discharge of the mortgage for the Ocean Township Housing Rehabilitation Program
- 2021-162 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing the submission and support of the Recreation Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
- 2021-163 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey approving and accepting federal funds and participation in the "Cops In Shops" program in the amount of \$3,520.00

Motion to approve - Resolutions 2021-152 through 2021-163

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

Resolution 2021-164

Resolution authorizing the Township Committee to hold Executive Session: personnel and contractual matters

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

Motion to Approve: Corliss Park Lake and Recreation Center - Camps

Camp Crafty – June 28–July 2, 2021 and August 23–27, 2021

Amazing Athletes Jersey Shore Camp – July 22, 29 and August 5, 12, 19, 2021

Marine Science Camp – July 12–16, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

Next Scheduled Meetings

June 15, 2021 – 6:00 pm Regular Business Meeting

July 20, 2021 – 6:00 pm Regular Business Meeting

August 17, 2021 – 6:00 pm Regular Business Meeting

Adjournment:

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

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

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date