

**MEETING MINUTES**

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN  
COUNTY OF OCEAN  
BUSINESS MEETING/WORKSHOP  
July 20, 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

**Resolution 2021-187**

**Resolution promoting Detective Leanne Petracca to the position of Sergeant of the Township of Ocean Police Department**

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

Chief Rogalski discussed he would like to thank the Township Committee for their continued support of the Police Department. The promotional process to replace the Sergeant position, which was made vacant by retiring Sergeant First Class Michael Ward was quickly filled to continue smooth operations within the patrol division.

Tonight we are here to celebrate the promotion of Detective Corporal Leanne Petracca to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Petracca has broken many glass ceilings in her career, which began in April of 2000, when Sergeant Leanne Petracca began her law enforcement career as a Police Dispatcher with our Police Department. In 2001, she attended the Ocean County Police Academy and upon graduating, was assigned to the Ocean Township's Police Department's Patrol Division. In addition to her patrol duties, Sergeant Petracca has served as a D.A.R.E. Officer, a School Resource Officer, a Juvenile Liaison Officer, Domestic Violence Liaison, Field Training Officer, Community Policing Officer and Community Events Coordinator throughout all her years at the Ocean Township Police Department.

Sergeant Petracca also has an extensive background in investigations. Early in her career she was attached to the Ocean County Prosecutors Office Computer Crimes Task Force. Most recently Sergeant Petracca completed an assignment with the Ocean County Prosecutors Office Narcotics Strike Force. In June of 2019, Segreant Petracca was assigned full-time to the Ocean Township Detective Bureau, where she was the first and only female officer to ever serve in such capacity.

In addition to her professional training, Sergeant Petracca holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Farleigh Dickinson University and a certificate from Cornell University for Women in Leadership. Upon her promotion tonight, Sergeant Petracca will be reassigned permanently to the Patrol Division where she will serve in the capacity of Patrol Sergeant on the night shift.

Sergeant Leanne Petracca is sworn in by Mayor Lydia Dodd and received the Sergeant's badge from Police Chief Rogalski.

## **Proclamation**

### **Presentation of Proclamation – Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T)**

Mayor Dodd discussed the Township Committee along with the Office of Emergency Management would like to thank the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T).

Chief of Police Michal Rogalski discussed that he is a huge supporter of all the volunteers in the Township, especially the CERT Team. In speaking with Matt Ambrosio, Emergency Management Coordinator and Lt. Murphy, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. CERT Team Director Chief Rogalski discussed he thought it was important to recognize the CERT Team's efforts during the COVID19 vaccination clinics. What the CERT Team was able to accomplish is amazing. A total of 551 hours were donated of the CERT Team's time to vaccinate close to 120,000 people in Ocean County.

The vaccination clinics' reporting time would start as early as 8:00 am and sometimes the CERT members would depart as late as 7:15 pm. Debrief for about a half hour upon arrival and report to their stations 15 minutes prior to the doors opening. As a volunteer at the vaccination site, you needed to be flexible and report wherever needed. Sometimes the volunteers would check people in on hand-held computers, check ID, direct individuals entering and exiting the vaccine site, proofread paperwork for vaccines, help disabled individuals, observe individuals after receiving vaccines, cleared areas for medical issues, disinfected areas, monitored masks and 6 feet regulations, assisted the Sheriff with first responder vaccine, collected unused vaccines from other sites, explained the process of the vaccine and issued cards to individuals. The CERT Team stepped up during this pandemic and represented Ocean Township immensely. The Township Committee and I are grateful.

Chief Rogalski issued Certificates of Appreciation to the members of the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Thelma Polon, Kristine Hartkopf, Linette Commisso, David Bonetti, Joseph Jacangelo, Sandra Gray, Roberta Warshaw, Eileen Fitzsimmons, Rosemarie Barkauskaus, Joseph Barkauskaus and Louis Braido.

Deputy Mayor LoParo read and presented the Proclamation to honor the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) for their efforts during the COVID19 pandemic.

## **Committee Reports**

Mayor – Lydia M. Dodd

Thank you for joining us this evening for our Regular Business Meeting.

Vacant Property Registration Report. For the month of June the Township received \$7,250.00. Total amount received in 2021 is \$58,000.00.

Zoning Department. 75 applications were approved, 5 applications pending review and 12 denial applications for Zoning.

Code Enforcement. 57 Notices of Violation, 21 Second Notices of Violation, 8 properties abated their violations and zero property liens.

Construction. 45 permits issued, 13 permit updates, 54 Certificates of Approval, 3 Certificates of Occupancy and 1 Certificate of Continued Occupancy.

The tax bills will be mailed out on or before August 4, 2021. The extended grace period will be until September 3, 2021. Please be reminded payments received after September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the interest will revert back to the original statutory due date of August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Ordinance 2021-13, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Public Hearing, amending Waretown Town Center Economic Redevelopment Plan. This will place the Waretown Town Center Zoning TC-WP Waretown Plaza Town Center Redevelopment Subdistrict in compliance.

Resolution 2021-181 awarding the contract for Veteran's Memorial Park. This park will be in front of the Skate Park on Route 532 (where the construction office was located). The Township would like the park to open on or near Veteran's Day.

Tradewinds. The developer has received a new access permit from the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The property has received a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for Buildings A-2 and A-3 first floors. The owner reports a few tenants are already moving in on both buildings #600 and #500, first floors only, 20 apartments.

Thank you.

**Deputy Mayor – Ben LoParo**

Good Evening,

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Police Academy. The Township Committee would like to thank the Police Department for hosting another successful Junior Police Academy. There were 38 enrollees. The students really enjoy this experience. The students practiced fingerprinting, watched K9's, saw Forest Service and State Police helicopters land, had a pizza party and visited a trampoline park. Again, thank you Chief Rogalski and all the Officers who participate in the Junior Police Academy.

Ordinance 2021-14, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, updating the Township Codebook's "Sick and Disability Benefits". This will put the Township of Ocean in compliance with the State law.

Thank you.

**Committeeman – Ken Baulderstone**

Good evening.

Resolution 2021-192 authorizing the title change from Laborer to Truck Driver for Brian Rizzolo. Brian has received his CDL license, which institutes the change.

Resolution 2021-193 authorizing liens be placed on the property at 32 Main Street.

### Recreation

The Township is working with Ocean County Senior Services regarding a grant for Senior Services. As the Township bus is a 2003 with 164,500 miles, the handicap lift is not working, air conditioning is not working, and there is a computer malfunction. The Township is submitting an application for a new bus. The grant application will include exercise classes as well as additional speakers' programs. All events will take place at the Engle Sprague Senior Center.

The list of camps and classes are posted on the Township website or the forms can be picked up at Town Hall.

Senior Advisory will be hosting a Learn and Lunch on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am. It will be with Complete Care at the Havens – Bingo and Pizza.

August 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am – Ocean County Senior Services – Lunch and speaker at Noon. Please RSVP if you would like to attend to have a proper headcount. Please contact Jeanne in Recreation.

Thank you.

### Chief of Police Michal Rogalski

Chief Rogalski read the June 2021 Police Report. The Police Department handled 3,643 calls for police service, 4 abandoned 9-1-1 calls, 40 alarms were activated and responded to, 28 animal complaints, 2,044 business and/or residential checks, 9 criminal mischief acts, 5 domestic violence incidents, 23 verbal disputes and/or harassment complaints, 19 disabled vehicles, 2 drunk driving arrests, 2 drug arrests, 85 first aid calls, 59 general complaints, 29 motor vehicle accidents, 395 motor vehicle stops of which 61 summons were issued, 6 juvenile complaints, 6 psychiatric evaluations, 7 persons were arrested on various warrants, 1 shoplifting incident, 68 suspicious persons and/or vehicles, 5 thefts from residents or commercial properties. A full list of this activity is listed on the website.

The final "Cone with a Cop" event for the year will be held on August 13, 2021 at Trailside Gardens from 6:00pm-9:00pm. There will be a DJ on site and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad will most likely be there.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed she has met with the parties that work on the Haunted Hayride. There are concerns with what Fall is going to look like and getting volunteers in the woods. There are volunteers for the front concessions but not the woods. The Township can put out an email asking the public if they would be interested in volunteering for skits in the woods and see if there is any feedback. The decision needs to be made now or the Township can pass on the event again this year.

The Township Committee agreed an email should be sent out asking for volunteers.

### **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

Murray Doscher, 110 Whippany Road, President, Pebble Beach Homeowners Association, thanked the Township Committee for improving the appearance of Crystal Point Peninsula and the bulkhead. Mr. Doscher discussed if a bulkhead is leaking sand, the owner would have 120 days to repair it. The Township owns the Crystal Point bulkhead and it fell into disrepair in 2017. That bulkhead should have been replaced in 2017. The sand leaking from the bulkhead has caused navigation problems. Seven (7) inches of depth has been lost in that corner and all along the entrance to Harborage Place, which runs parallel to Crystal Point. Mr. Doscher showed pictures to the Township Committee.

Jason Worth, Township Engineer, discussed at the time in 2017, the Township undertook several different repair projects to fix the bulkhead in several areas that were experiencing sinkholes and the bulkhead was deteriorating. The Township embarked on obtaining dredging permits in 2018 for all the communities along the waterfront, Pebble Beach included. The areas requiring dredging down to 5 feet below mean low water were identified. This is maintenance dredging. It is not a solution that lasts forever. Over time it silted in beyond what it was in 2008. As three years go by, the inlet will continue to silt in and that will continue to migrate into the lagoons, not only this lagoon between Crystal Point and the next street over but on each side and heading up into the inlet further.

Last year the Township undertook a project to replace street end bulkheads at approximately six locations in the Township and also replaced the bulkhead along Crystal Point. That bulkhead was replaced under standard practice. The bulkhead was removed. The back system was excavated. The Township was onsite to inspect that new sheets are driven. As new sheets and piles are driven some of that build up along the bulkhead will bulge a little bit, due to the disturbance. As material migrates into lagoons it settles. It does not move back out into the inlet. It is more than likely due to the continued siltation of the inlet over time rather than the bulkhead project. There is obvious disturbance along the bulkhead due to the driving of sheets and piles and installing the backsystem.

Mr. Doscher inquired where the sand went that came from the peninsula through all the sink holes in 2017.

Mr. Worth discussed that sand goes through the bulkhead and lands on the other side. Mr. Doscher has photographs showing piles of sand along the bulkhead. Even at that time, the sand settles and lays along the bulkhead. The pictures Mr. Doscher is showing with the sink holes is small in nature. A 10 foot by 10 foot area that is five feet deep is still not an appreciable amount of material, when the Township obtained a dredging permit for the Pebble Beach lagoon area, where there is more than 2,000 cubic yards of material that can be removed. Mr. Worth discussed he is aware of one sink hole the Township repaired. Those areas with that amount of material would not silt in the entire lagoon or the other side of the lagoon. The material would stay in the vicinity of the bulk head.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed the Township Engineer's office completed a site inspection of the project, which was satisfactory and approved for final payment.

Mr. Worth discussed, correct. The area was viewed before construction. New sheeting and a new back system was installed. The same material that had been in place was reused to backfill and no material was brought in to fill the area other than laying new topsoil, fertilizer and seed. There was no need for a vast amount of material to be brought in to fill.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed the Township Engineer inspected the improvements after completed, issued final payment to the contractor and all work was satisfactory to the engineer and satisfactory to all the requirements to install the new bulkhead.

Connie and Dave Romano, 120 Harborage Place, submitted a petition with two dozen names, indicating things they want done. Mr. Romano discussed he owns a larger boat and when he takes the boat in the inlet at low tide, the readings are 1.4 foot. The propellers are turning up a lot of silt. The engine is bringing in mud and silt and overheats. There are going to be big problems. Mr. Romano inquired if the Township can just move the material to a different area.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is a big bureaucracy that would not look favorably on that. A letter can be sent to the NJDEP and have them investigate the lagoon and the depth of the water.

Mr. Worth discussed any time the Township dredges, the material has to be trucked to a disposal site.

Mayor Dodd discussed there are NJDEP rules that prevent the Township from putting the material just anywhere. The Township has met with Legislative District 9 many times in reference to this problem. Mayor Dodd discussed the safety issue can be written in the letter.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed all the Township can do is write the letter and include the petition submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Romano.

Mr. Worth discussed the Township has obtained a dredge permit for several areas, including this lagoon system. This lagoon system encompasses two towns, Ocean and Barnegat. The Pebble Beach Homeowners Association is within both municipalities. When the Township obtains a dredging permit, the area is surveyed and the sediment is sampled. The Township has never been required to do that before but the Township undertook a very high expense to test that material. The grain size is not very sandy. There is some sand to it. It is a lot of silts and a lot of material that moves in from the bay. The material tested clean. That material does not require additional or special disposal. If the material is moved along the shoreline, that is a heavily regulated activity. It cannot be just placed without being able to guarantee its stabilization. Stabilizing the new edge is very expensive. The Township has looked at putting it on marshes. The Township is supportive of that and would love to tie in dredging that could occur at these waterfront associations in their lagoons. It is difficult to get the regulatory permits and it is a very expensive process.

The Township will continue to do everything it can, looking for grants, looking at changes in the regulatory agencies and looking for partners who are willing to work with us to get this done.

Committeeman Boulderstone discussed the Township has obtained permits the Homeowners Association can use to dredge.

Mr. Worth discussed the Township obtained the permits and spent the money to get them, which has been done in the past. The Township has also allowed Crystal Point as a dewatering and staging location and it is also permitted so the material can be trucked out. The Township spent more than \$60,000. It is approximately \$45,000-\$50,000 for the survey, engineering and testing and the NJDEP permit application fee is \$21,000 plus the soils application is \$2,000.

Shawn Denning, 92 Morey Place Road, discussed Crystal Point has been shallow for years. There is shoaling going on all over the bay. It is the responsibility of the Homeowners Association for the waterways. It is not just Crystal Point that is shallow. There are parts of Oyster Creek that are shallow.

Mr. Denning discussed, as School Board President, the School Board is in the process of adopting a pro-marijuana industry resolution. The first reading was at the June meeting. The second reading and passage will be at the August meeting. Mr. Denning inquired if the Township Governing Body is reaching out to any industry leaders or meeting with anyone to find out what a recreational business would need.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed she has had vendors reach out and explained to them the Township does not have any zoning to meet with them, she has been to the NJ League of Municipalities and different dispensaries and is visiting a manufacturing facility to learn more about it.

Mr. Denning inquired if a member of the Governing Body could meet with them freely or is that frowned upon.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed he is not giving legal advice as to what a Governing Body member can or cannot do. Right now it is illegal in the Township.

Mr. Denning discussed he was supposed to meet with a Committeeman and that Committeeman was advised by you that it wasn't allowed.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed he is not going to share with Mr. Denning a legal opinion or legal advice given to the Governing Body. If that person shared the legal opinion with you, that's fine.

Mr. Denning inquired if it is not allowed, why is it not allowed. The Township has an Economic Development Committee and a Redevelopment Committee. Committeemembers meet with businesses all the time to find out what they can bring to the Township. If the Township passes recreational marijuana it cannot be taken back for five years.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed the Township Administrator has attended classes that are put on by the NJ League of Municipalities in terms of what model regulations are. The Township has engineers who are expert planners that also understand what the statewide plan is. When somebody asks if something is appropriate, I think it over, research it and give them an honest legal opinion. The question Mr. Denning is asking is not the question that was asked to me. I am not going to share the answer or the question that was asked.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed he is not going to answer the question, due to so many hypotheticals as to what type of business it is, whether it is a permitted use. It is an inappropriate question. The conversation I had is not the conversation you are relaying.

Donald Rolander, 108 Harborage Place, discussed pictures he has of the 2015 dredging project, when the dredging was moved onto Crystal Point. He witnessed wet spoils being moved from the barge, leaking all over the place and falling into the lagoon, with wind and rain. It was not covered well and piled 7 feet high. The workers cleaned the barge off with a high pressured hose, hosing the spoils back into the lagoon. 2016 is when the sink holes started. In the photos, there are pictures of the sand piles in the lagoon. Children were jumping onto the sand and climbing back onto the bulkhead. The sand has been there since 2015. If the spoils are put onto Crystal Point again, it needs to be put on there properly and covered so that it does not blow back off.

Jason Worth, Township Engineer, discussed the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) will allow Crystal Point to be used as a staging area and transfer site. The NJDEP will not allow for the material to be placed along the marsh edge without stabilizing it. There have been four or five dredging projects that have occurred beginning with the dredging of Pebble Beach going back to 2008. Skippers Cove, Pebble Beach, Holiday Harbor and Barnegat Beach all use Crystal Point and put up the silt fencing and did all the same processes all between 2008 and 2015. If the preference is not that Crystal Point be used, there will not be a transferring and staging location. The projects are private and monitored by the Township. If a conversation needs to be had with other associations about their construction practices and what they did in the past, that can be undertaken.

James Oris, Township Engineer, discussed in the early 2000's, he was involved with the project to get a \$700,000 grant to bulkhead the bay side of Crystal Point. That was a great win for the Township. At that point that peninsula was eroding on the bay side. All the sand and sediment was wrapping around and clogging the main entrance of the lagoon. The bulkheading that took place on the bay side made an improvement to the lagoon that feeds into the Harborage area. Like all the other inlets to the lagoon systems that you have, it will build up over time.

A big part of what you are seeing, is de minimis in volume compared to the amount of material that is deposited into the lagoon that is transported by the wave action of a Northeast storm. There is a large fetch of water that can bring and transport sand and sediment from the bay into that lagoon system, like many lagoon systems. The permits are in place. It is just a matter of when it can be done and how much will it cost. The Township has done a fantastic job in securing the peninsula. If it had not been for the actions the Township has taken over the years, the peninsula would have eroded and caused a much bigger problem to the lagoon system.

Ralph Holzmilller, 119 Englewood Avenue, discussed two years ago, he was walking his dog there without a leash and his dog got stuck in a sink hole. The Township did fill the sinkholes. The bulkhead was rotting.

Patricia Hornlein, 110 Harborage Place, discussed her new boat's motor was caught in the inlet. Ms. Hornlein took pictures of a six-foot pile at the end of the bulkhead in June. The pile was gone overnight. Two weeks later, between 108 and 110 Harborage, a dredger came and took only three scoops out. Ms. Hornlein inquired who paid for that.

Mr. Worth discussed that was the contractor that did the bulkhead. The contractor was coming in to work near the inlet, across the inlet and where the old bulkhead met the new bulkhead. The contractor was going to dig out a little bit of material that had accumulated there as well. The Township did not have to pay for any of that. That was all the contractor's requirement. They were not coming to do any full scale dredging of the lagoon, just clean up work where the old bulkhead met the new one. The contractor had completed the first 800 feet from the culdesac all the way down. They had spread all that out, fertilized, seed and hayed it. At the very end, the contractor came in to do those scoops, then they finished that area down there. There was one pile of topsoil left and that was spread out at the upper end.

Sean Bennett, 106 Harborage Place, discussed he agrees with his neighbors on what's been happening in the lagoon. The family boat has been damaged. Whether it's from the storm or negligence of the contractor, it doesn't matter. The people of Harborage Place and the surrounding area are asking for the Township's help and some reciprocity under the law.



Mr. Bennett discussed on Tuscarora Avenue, between Dune Lane and Stillwater Road, there is a blind curve and drivers cannot see a car coming from the other direction, regardless of which way the driver is going. Mr. Bennett requested a yellow line in the center or a sign so cars know which side to go so they won't hit and possibly kill someone.

Chief Rogalski discussed he will have the Traffic Safety Officers look at it and try and remedy the situation. The Township cannot paint just a portion of the road unless it is the whole road and it is a County road.

Joey Fabozzi, 99 Bay Parkway, discussed it was really nice to see Officer Petracca get promoted.

Mr. Fabozzi discussed he knows someone that is ready to make a consumption lounge at the bank for marijuana immediately. If the Township legalizes manufacturing and distribution, he also knows someone that can make a distribution center in Waretown, where only employees come in and the center mails the marijuana all over the country and the town collects 2% of all the sales. The Township should be looking into marijuana, gambling and prostitution as ways to make tax revenue.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed no one has reached out to her. A few manufacturers have reached out. They were told the Township will keep their information. As soon as the zoning is in place, she will reach out to them. Mr. Fabozzi can have his consumption and manufacturing contacts call the Township.

Stephine Capaccio, 52 Dock Avenue, Township of Ocean Construction Office Employee, inquired about the change in the code book for sick pay.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed the state changed the law about 11 years ago and the ordinance was never updated. Even if the ordinance is not updated, the Township still has to follow State law anyway.

Ms. Capaccio discussed employees since 2010 were still given an employee manual stating that they could in fact buy back their sick time and upon separation or termination have their sick days bought out and that is not in compliance with the State law.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed if the employee handbook states you cannot drive over 50 miles an hour in the Township and the State law allowed everyone to drive over 55 miles an hour, you have to comply with the State law.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed if Ms. Capaccio was to leave the Township today and go somewhere else, her sick time is prorated and she would be paid out up to \$15,000.

Ms. Capaccio discussed the ordinance states upon retirement not upon termination. The State says retirement, termination and separation are three different terms.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed the retirement payout is capped at the \$15,000. If you retire as a Township employee, you are capped at \$15,000. If you go to another job, you are still capped and you are paid out as a prorated portion as to how many days you have left. There are other provisions in the State law, which is not exactly adopted in the ordinance that differentiates separation, retirement and termination. Tonight's ordinance is specific to retirement benefits.

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

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

**Motion to approve Meeting Minutes:** May 18, 2021, June 15, 2021–Special Meeting, June 15, 2021–Regular Business Meeting was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

**Resolution 2021-188** Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$1,961,668.30

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-13 – Second Reading – Public Hearing**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND CHAPTER 410, ENTITLED “ZONING,” OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

**Motion to open Public Comment for Ordinance 2021-13** 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 for Ordinance 2021-13** was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-13** was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-14 – First Reading – Title Only**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 57 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “SICK LEAVE” AND SPECIFICALLY SECTION 12 THEREOF ENTITLED “SICK AND DISABILITY BENEFITS SICK LEAVE”

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-14** was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

**Resolution 2021-189**

Resolution authorizing the extending the grace period to pay Third quarter Taxes to September 3, 2021

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.**

- 2021-190 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING BID FOR THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO DOWN TO EARTH LANDSCAPING, INC.
- 2021-191 Resolution authorizing the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean State of New Jersey authorizing the renewal of the Estate Card Tax Savings Program
- 2021-192 Resolution authorizing Brian Rizzolo being moved to Job Title Truck Driver 1 in the Department of Public Works
- 2021-193 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, Ocean County, State of New Jersey authorizing a lien be placed on Block 221.01, Lot 193 – 32 Main Street in the amount of \$484.62
- 2021-194 Resolution of the Township of Ocean County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing release of Performance Guarantee for Block 122, Lot 4.01, 48 Letts Landing Road
- 2021-195 Resolution of the Township of Ocean County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing release of Performance Guarantee for Block 52.01, Lot 14, 151A Wells Mills Road
- 2021-196 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, Ocean County, State of New Jersey authorizing a lien be placed on Block 166, Lot 15 – 6 Cove Drive in the amount of \$5,750

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed Resolution 2021-196 needs to be removed from the consent agenda.

Deputy Mayor LoParo discussed he would like Resolution 2021-190 removed from the consent agenda, as this needs to be discussed further.

Jason Worth, Township Engineer, discussed prior projects of this nature were looked at to come up with the estimates. The Public Works Department can help with several facets. There are several elements, flagpoles to honor each branch of the military and the United States, a monument wall, a ceremony area and some sidewalk. The project is not overly large in scope but the price received is much better than anticipated. The Township anticipated the project to be around \$200,000. The total amount bid was approximately \$154,900.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed once the Open Space and Recreation Plan includes this property, it is not included at this time, the Township is open to use some of that park funding. An itemized list of the costs are in the Township Committee's meeting packets.

Mr. Worth discussed there is one alternate bid for some of the sidewalk that is going to come into the site from various locations, whether or not Public Works can complete that or if the Township received a bid price that was good. Considering the overall price of the project was lower than the estimate, the

Township made a recommendation that be included. The engineering fees are not included in the itemized list of costs. The engineering proposal was approximately \$38,000, which includes survey, soil borings to be taken to make sure the monument wall is on the correct foundations, design services, bidding services, contract administration and inspection.

Mayor Dodd discussed the Township needs a Veterans Memorial Park in this Township. It is a very necessary park. The flag poles cost a lot of money. The Veterans should be honored.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed since Covid, everything is more expensive.

Mr. Worth discussed the contractor, Down to Earth Landscaping, built portions of Sands Point Park and several other projects. They are a responsive and responsible contractor.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed Resolution 2021-190 will be tabled to be considered at another time.

**Motion to approve Resolutions 2021-191 through 2021-196**

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

**Motion to Table Resolution 2021-190**

Motion to table Resolution 2021-190 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Boulderstone.  
Roll Call: Boulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

**Motion to approve Resolution 2021-197**

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

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

**Motion to Approve: Social Affairs Permit for US Home We Care Foundation, Inc. September 27, 2021, at Greenbriar Oceanaire Golf & Country Club**

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

**Motion to approve the below listed dates in 2021 for the use of the Community Center, Corliss Park Recreation and Lake, Toumey Park, and Ballfield:**

Recreation Dept.– Academy of Amazement Magic Camp – July 26-30, 2021  
Recreation Dept.– Ocean County Parks N Recreation Nature Series – July 21, 28, Aug 4, 11  
Pebble Beach Homeowners Association – August 21, 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

**Motion to approve Resolution 2021-190**

Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing bid for the Veterans Memorial Park Construction Project to Down to Earth Landscaping, Inc. at a price not to exceed \$154,190.00.

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

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

Next Scheduled Meetings

August 17, 2021 – 6:00 pm - Regular Business Meeting  
September 21, 2021 – 6:00 pm - Regular Business Meeting

**Adjournment**

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

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

Signed and Submitted:

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Date