

MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
BUSINESS MEETING
June 18, 2024
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.

Proclamations

Committee Reports

Committeeman – Ken Baulderstone

Good evening.

Resolution 2024-183. This resolution authorizes the submittal of the 2025 New Jersey Department of Transportation grant for Baltic Avenue and Atlantic Avenue. This will include road and drainage improvements.

Resolution 2024-186. This resolution authorizes the Clean Communities Grant to be placed in the 2024 budget in the amount of \$30,608.31. This money is used to fund the expenses of Clean Up Weekend. The cleanup weekend was another great success and appreciated by the residents to be able to dispose of items that are difficult to get rid of from their homes and to not have to pay to dispose of freon items and propane tanks.

Resolution 2024-188. This resolution authorizes a grant for the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company to be placed in the 2024 Budget in the amount of \$50,000 for equipment and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) required gear for the Fire Department.

Resolution 2024-192. The Township has bid to have the front stairs and walkway rebuilt. Due to cracks and chipping of this area, the insurance company has requested this area be redone to avoid trips and falling. The bid is being awarded tonight for the replacement.

Fireworks Event. Thank you to everyone involved in making the Fireworks Show over the bay so enjoyable. The Township received many wonderful comments on this year's spectacular event.

Senior Advisory

All programs and meals at the Engle Sprague Senior Center are very well attended. Attendance continues to increase every month. Please register. All are welcome.

Wellness Speaker Programs and activities are offered after every meal. Please pick up the calendar from the back of the room or on the Township website and e-mail for events at the Senior Center. There is a new speaker every week.

Ocean County Congregate Meals. Hot Meals are served every Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday there is pizza and a wellness speaker program after the meals. Bingo is held on Tuesdays for nominal prizes.

Everyone is welcome to attend. It is a wonderful way to socialize, meet new people and just be able to be out of the house. Calendars are on the back table and on the Township's website.

Committeeman Boulderstone discussed the Township acquiring the property at the end of Bryant Road in 2016. Ordinance 2016-07 authorized the acquisition, which was passed in April 2016. The members on the Township Committee were Dan Collamer, Tina Wetter and Dennis Tredy. I did not join the Township Committee until 2018. I did not vote for the Township to acquire this property.

Thank you.

Deputy Mayor – Ben LoParo

Thank you for coming to the Township Committee meeting this evening.

Ordinance 2024-13. As per the State of New Jersey this new tree ordinance must be adopted. Tonight is the Public Hearing that is required. This is also part of the new stormwater regulations required by the State of New Jersey.

Resolution 2024-187. This resolution is to include in the 2024 budget, the grant funding for the FY2023 Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Grant in the amount of \$3,064.59.

Township Events

The Township has hired the company JamFam to introduce a Food Truck & Music Festival for Saturday June 22, 2024 11:00 am – 7 pm. There will be gourmet food trucks as well as adult beverages. It includes live music and kids' activities. It will take place on the baseball fields at Waretown Elementary School. Parking will be available at the school and Town Hall for the events.

Free Concerts Series

The Township is starting a Tuesday night concert series. There will be five concerts this year. Four will take place at Corliss Park Lake & Recreation Area. One will take place at the end of Bryant Road at Waretown Bayfront Park & Pier. The concerts will take place 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, as well as some bug spray and enjoy the event.

July 2 nd	Tommy Smooth and Maria – Corliss Park
July 16 th	Len DeBotten – Corliss Park
July 30 th	Strictly 60's Band – Corliss Park
August 13 th	Joey's Rocking Oldies Concert – Waretown Bayfront Park & Pier
August 20 th	Alexa Tabbachino – Corliss Park

Police Department

The Police Department will be holding a Candy Bar Bingo night Thursday, June 20, 2024 for ages 6-12 at the Waretown Firehouse. Doors open at 5:00 pm

Police will be holding a Free Car Seat Check on June 20th at the Waretown Volunteer Firehouse from 2:30 – 5:30 pm.

Thank you.

Mayor – Lydia M. Dodd

Thank you for joining us this evening.

First, I would like to acknowledge Resolution 2024-181 proclaiming June 14th as the 249th Birthday of the United States Army and express the appreciation of the citizens of the Township of Ocean as well as this Committee to the United States Army past and present and to the dedicated soldiers who have served our country for 249 years

May 2024 Construction/Zoning Report

Zoning Department. 38 applications approved, 7 applications pending review and 3 denial applications.

Construction. 71 Construction Permits issued, 16 updates, 42 Certificates of Approval, 0 Certificates of Occupancy, 1 Certificate of Compliance and 0 Violations issued.

Construction & Zoning Office - Upgrade

The Mitchell Humphrey program used by Construction and Zoning now has a portal that is up and running. This is listed on the front page of the Township's website. A resident can request inspections and upload plans and updates. An applicant will be able to pay online and in the office through MuniPAY. The equipment is on order and is expected to arrive and staff to be trained prior to July 1st. There is a fee for the credit card user to pay by credit card, but it is available.

Starting July 1, 2024, the State of New Jersey is requiring inspection requests in writing and the portal is accepted as an in-writing request as per State Law. There will be forms on the counter for a resident/contractor to complete for setting up an inspection.

Ordinance 2024-14. This ordinance is to update the sign ordinance in the Codebook regarding lighted signs. The Township will be installing a permanent sign on the Fire Department property. This will list all of the events and emergency information for the Town. The Police Chief has grant funding that will pay for the sign.

Resolution 2024-194. The Township Committee is opposing the School Tax going up 9.9% without going to the voters. Also, please be reminded the school district did hold a referendum that passed for an \$840,000.00 increase each year in the taxpayer bill. The school board is holding a special meeting on July 2, 2024 at 6:15 pm, in the all-purpose room of the Frederic A. Priff School. This resolution is the Township Committee requesting the school apply for the Grant funding available for the School Regionalization Efficiency Program. This program supports public school districts and governing bodies who wish to study the feasibility of school district regionalization and consolidation. This is a feasibility study. It does not mean the school district will be forced to regionalize but it would give all residents the opportunity to review the study to make an informed decision. This resolution will be sent to the Ocean Township School District and Board of Education members.

Projects

Flex Space Warehouses are moving along and are in the rough inspection phase of the project.

Ocean Isles – 1st Building of 8 units, the permit is ready for pick up.

Clemmy's has a permit to expand into the State Farm space. State Farm is moving units to accommodate the expansion.

Manzano's tenant fit-out permits have been issued and are pending inspections.

Historical Society

Sunday, 2pm-4pm—Monthly Open House at the Little Red Schoolhouse Museum. In an outreach effort to the community, the Historical Society will be opening the museum for two hours on the first Sunday of every month. Please stop by and see all that our Little Red Schoolhouse Museum has to offer.

Summer Fridays at the Museum. Summer Fridays begin after Independence Day in July and run straight through to the weekend before Labor Day in August. The Little Red Schoolhouse Museum will be open from 1pm-3pm each summer Friday for tours, and we will enjoy an informative new speaker every week. A schedule of speakers will be advertised once the list is finalized. The Township will send a Townwide e-mail.

Township Event. REMINDER: June 29, 2024 – Independence Day Celebration at Corliss Park Lake & Recreation Area starting at 10:00 am. This is a great community event. All are invited. There will be the annual hot dog, chips and soda served at the end.

Thank you for coming tonight.

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

Barbara Hendrickson, 6 No. Olympia Drive, discussed how she called Code Enforcement a number of times regarding 8 No. Olympia Drive with no reply back. The house has many visitors after dark. The visitors' cars do not have license plates. She has been to a Pine Beach council meeting and Councilman Barry Wieck told her this is a Code Enforcement issue. There is a tractor and a trailer for the tractor. There is a school bus parked crooked, with some mechanism holding part of it up. The bus had leaked gasoline. There are eight vehicles, including a truck. The school bus is filled to the top with garbage.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio requested Mrs. Hendrickson's phone number and said she will investigate the matter and get back to her in the next day or two.

Roy Hendrickson, 6 No. Olympia Drive. There are eight cars, one is definitely not registered. The bus has been there for a year. The trailer has Pennsylvania tags on it. The gentleman works at a recycling facility, so he sorts through garbage. He cannot afford eight cars.

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

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

Resolution 2024-179 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$1,144,310.35

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 373 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “TREES”

Motion to open Public Comment on Ordinance 2024-13 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 on Ordinance 2024-13 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-13 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14 1st Reading – Title Only

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 299-7 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “SPECIAL ZONING RESTRICTIONS”

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-14 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.

2024-180 Resolution proclaiming Men’s Health Month June 2024 and encourage all citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection

- 2024-181 Resolution proclaiming June 14th as the 249th Birthday of the United States Army and express the appreciation of the citizens of the Township of Ocean to United States Army past and present and to the dedicated soldiers who have served for 249 years
- 2024-182 Resolution authorizing the renewal of the Liquor License in the Township of Ocean for July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
- 2024-183 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
FY 2025 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
- 2024-184 Resolution authorizing T & M Associates for professional affordable housing planning services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00
- 2024-185 Resolution encouraging individual, organizations and communities to support World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2024
- 2024-186 Resolution approving the insertion of an item of revenue in the FY2024 budget in the sum of \$30,608.31 which is now available as revenue from the 2024 Clean Communities Grant
- 2024-187 Resolution approving the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2024 budget in the sum of \$3,064.59 which is now available as revenue from the FY2023 Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Grant
- 2024-188 Resolution approving the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2024 budget in the sum of \$50,000.00 which is now available as revenue from the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant
- 2024-189 Resolution approving the appointment of Amanda DeFeo as a part-time Police Dispatcher/Telecommunicator
- 2024-190 Resolution authorizing the Finance Officer to release escrow for Block 241.11, Lot 1.02 & Block 224, Lot 3 in the amount of \$1,667.00
- 2024-191 Resolution authorizing the Finance Officer to release escrow for Block 241.11, Lot 1.02 in the amount of \$441.41
- 2024-192 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,AWARDING THE BID FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXTERIOR STAIRCASE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO TC LANDSCAPE
- 2024-193 RESOLUTION APPOINTING WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, INC., UNDER A “NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS” TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP’S WATER UTILITY CONSULTANT AND BACKUP LICENSED OPERATOR FROM JUNE 30, 2024 – DECEMBER 31, 2024

Motion to approve Resolutions 2024-180 through 2024-193

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-194

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICT REGIONALIZATION EFFICIENCY PROGRAM TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF THE PURSUANT TO THE SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

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

Motion to approve the below listed dates for the use of the Community Center, Corliss Park Lake & Recreation Area, Waretown Bayfront Park & Pier, Toumey Park, and Ballfields:

Laura Jodice – June 23, 2024
ADL Philadelphia – Combating Hate in America – July 13, 2024
Yoga – Mondays – 5 -6
Cornhole – Recreation Program – indoors 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Mondays
Tennis Camp – Eyes on the Ball – July 25-28, 2024
Rob & Jillian Bonnel – August 24, 2024
Ariella Gardner – August 25, 2024

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

Next Scheduled Regular Business Meetings

July 16, 2024 – 6:00 pm
Redevelopment Meeting – 7:00 pm – July 16, 2024 – Mackres Property
August 20, 2024 – 6:00 pm
September 17, 2024 – 6:00 pm
October 15, 2024 – 6:00 pm
November 19, 2024 – 6:00 pm
December 17, 2024

***Meetings can be added or cancelled as deemed necessary*

Adjournment

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

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date