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BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

August 6, 2019 * 7:00 P.M.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, August 6, 2019 Town Hall – 7:00 PM

Mayor Dudley Lewis called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

The Deputy Township Clerk read the Sunshine Notice Statement as follows:

Sunshine Notice: This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law. 1) Posting a copy of the Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and emailing a copy to the Atlantic City Press and Burlington County Times and all those requesting copies on January 15, 2019. 2) Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. 3) Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex.

- 4) Forwarding a copy of the agenda to the Atlantic City Press and the Burlington County Times
- 5) Forwarding a copy of the agenda to each person who requested copies of the regular meeting schedule. All the above posting, filing & mailing have taken place on August 2, 2019.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Lewis, Deputy Mayor Seybold and Committeeman Gadd.

Professionals: Thomas Coleman, Esq.; Engineer, Kevin Dixon; Township Clerk, Kathleen Hoffman,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

08/06/2019 - Regular Meeting

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Minutes were approved:

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 2019-51 – Authorizing NJDOT Grant Application (Lovers Lane)

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Resolution # 2019-52 – Refund of Escrow for Stockton's GLJ Legacy Ride

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Resolution # 2019-53 – Authorizing Turn Over of Public Defender Funds to Bass River Township Pursuant to Shared Municipal Court

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd.



Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

REPORTS

Engineer: application was submitted to the Pinelands Commission for the parking lot and the approval letter was received. DOT application was submitted for River Road/Henderson Ave. Road improvements.

Solicitor: Tom Coleman, Esq., and the Township Committee discussed the status of the Ranger House and the lease with the State. Additional information was requested from the Township Engineer. The Committee discussed hosting senior activities here.

CFO: Nothing at this time

Township Clerk: Day to day operations of the Township Clerk/Registrar's office. Inquiries into trash bids and alternates.

Code Enforcement/OEM: As submitted.

Committee:

Committeeman Gadd: inquired about the trash payment being released and if a letter was sent to hauler of problems/residents' complaints and lack of performance. Inquired about the Groff property being sold since there is a trailer on the property, Best Buy Roofing. Can we inquire with the zoning officer?

Committeeman Seybold: stated public works is cutting grass. Working on consolidating the oil at the yard. Discussed trash complaints on Bell Lane and the dumpster at the fire house not being emptied. Discussed dog complaints at Debow Lane. Discussed options/recourse for alarms for the building next door and various other locations in town.

Mayor Lewis: commented on tax bills coming out with a .21 cents decrease for school consolidation with Mullica School system.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Please state your name & address for the record)

Members of the public are invited to submit comments during the public comment portion of this meeting. The Committee, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Committee will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Township Administrator or appropriate Township Representative for resolution. Each citizen will be allotted up to three (3) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to express their opinions or concerns.

Mayor Lewis opened the meeting up to the public.

Janet DePierro, River Road, inquired about the status of the Senior Center. If the building is no longer able to be used going forward please have the cotes moved here at the Township Building.

Barbara Cavileer, River Road, requested on Church Road the trees trimmed due to a site obstruction.

Horace Somes, Turtle Creek, inquired about the Turtle Creek project. And marking of culverts. Commented on South Ben Road conditions.

Daniel James, River Road, thanked the committee for lowering the tax rate.



Horace Somes, Turtle Creek, discussed false alarms background at the various locations and suggested a list be forwarded to Fire Safety at the State division.

No one else from the public portion wishing to comment Mayor Lewis closed the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:41 PM

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC Township Clerk