

A combined Caucus/Public meeting of the Township Council was held in the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Councilman Bob Moore
Councilwoman Andrea Zapcic
Councilwoman Susan Lydecker
Councilman Jim Fozman
Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero
Council President Paul Mummolo

Also Present

Mayor John G. Ducey
Kevin Starkey, Township Attorney
Lynnette A. Iannarone, Township Clerk
Joanne Bergin, Business Administrator

Absent

Council Vice President Heather deJong

Township Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in Asbury Park Press on January 9, 2015. Copies of the agenda were provided to the newspapers, posted on public bulletin boards and the township website (www.bricktownship.net).

This meeting began with a salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence

The Clerk was directed to accept and file the Certificates of Occupancy, Building, Engineering, Sewer & Water and Vital Statistics Reports for the month of September, 2015.

Motion by Councilwoman Zapcic and seconded by Councilman Fozman to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 8, 2015 meeting and approve the same.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:
Councilwoman Pontoriero ABSTAINED because she was absent.

Presentation – Students of the Month

President Mummolo, Councilwoman Lydecker and Mayor Ducey recognized the September Students of the Month from Brick Township High School: Stevie-Lynn Clark, Vincent Rustico, Anthony DeStefano and Jaclyn Trozzi and presented them certificates of achievement. They also presented certificates of achievement to the students of Brick Memorial High School: Alexis Baker, Nicolas Reisig, Danielle Dyson, Tyler Gonzalez, Vincent Guarino, Teresa Courtwright, Samantha Bialoblocki and Nicholas Blum.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to adopt the following Resolutions:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:
Councilman Fozman ABSTAINED on *Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement with BTMUA – Snow Plow Services.*

Recognize 2015 Arc of Ocean County Award Recipients

President Mummolo said the Arc Ocean County Chapter will be honoring the recipients at their 60th Anniversary dinner dance on October 29th.

Recognize 2015 PAL Award Recipients

President Mummolo said on October 30th the Brick PAL is honoring a group of outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to improving the quality of life of the young people and the community at large.

Recognize World Pancreatic Cancer Day – November 13th

President Mummolo said pancreatic cancer is projected to surpass breast and colorectal cancer to become the second cause of cancer death in the United States by 2020.

Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement with BTMUA – Snow Plow Services

Councilman Fozman explained this resolution approves an extension of a shared services agreement the Township has in place with the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority. He said this agreement allows the Township to use the MUA employees and a tandem dump truck

to assist in plowing along with Township employees. He explained this agreement helps make for a fuller rotation for the first two shifts in any snow event and to manage the smaller weather events without having to use outside contractors and noted this agreement has been in place for many years and has worked out very well for both organizations.

Authorize Placement of Tax Liens for Property Clean-ups

President Mummolo said this resolution authorizes placement of tax liens for property clean-ups located at:

- 707 Barberry Drive, Block 673.11/Lot 11 in the amount of \$76.99
- 12 Bettys Lane, Block 109.07/Lot 3 in the amount of \$557.80
- 2413 Hooper Avenue, Block 340/ Lot 91 in the amount of \$76.99
- 103 Bayview Drive, Block 269/ Lot 19 in the amount of \$226.40
- 128 Elmwood Drive, Block 701.06/Lot 10 in the amount of \$118.27
- 70 Venice Drive, Block 210.33/Lot 27 in the amount of \$76.99
- 23 Paul Jones Drive, Block 260/Lot 13.01 in the amount of \$187.86
- 766 Sycamore Drive, Block 673.14/Lot 16 in the amount of \$76.99
- 40 Island Drive, 878.01/Lot 43 in the amount of \$76.99
- 403 Clark Drive, Block 1256/Lot 4.03 in the amount of \$76.99

Urge DCA to Rescind Recently Adopted Coastal “A” Zones Requirement

Mayor Ducey explained since Sandy FEMA and the DCA have been changing the rules on homeowners affected by Sandy. He said as of March 19, 2016 if someone lives in a Coastal A Zone they will have to build to the standards of a V Zone and that is a huge difference. He explained a V Zone requires helical pilings and coastal A Zone required block and the cost difference between the two is tremendous. He said this resolution urges NJDCA to rescind the adopted Coastal A Zone requirement.

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Inspection Fund Release – Frank A. Macchione Construction – Jack Martin Blvd

Clerk Iannarone advised this resolutions authorizes the inspection fund release to Frank A. Macchione Construction – Santander Bank in the amount \$653.80.

Tax Collector:

100% Widow of DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes – Block 210.19 Lot 7- 273 Alameda Drive

Joanne Bergin advised this resolution cancels taxes for Block 210.19 Lot 27 in the amount of \$127.26.

Senior Deductions Granted – 2015

Joanne Bergin advised this resolution grants a senior deduction in the amount of \$250.00

Tax Overpayments – 2015

Joanne Bergin advised there are tax overpayments for 2015 for Block 1192.16 Lot 25 in the amount of \$170.10

State Tax Appeal Granted – Block 670 Lot 9.03 – 940 Cedar Bridge Avenue

Joanne Bergin advised there is a State Tax Appeal granted for Block 670 Lot 9.03 in the amount of \$3,576.80.

State Tax Appeal Granted – Block 1385.07 Lot 6 – 624 Winding River Road

Joanne Bergin advised there is a State Tax Appeal granted for Block 1385.07 Lot 6 in the amount of \$4,005.81.

State Tax Appeal Granted – Block 1446 Lot 2 – 34 Lanes Mill Road

Joanne Bergin advised there is a State Tax Appeal granted for Block 1446 Lot 2 in the amount of \$1,607.40.

President Mummolo opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

There were no comments from the audience.

President Mummolo closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

President Mummolo opened the public hearing on the Computer Bill Resolution.

George Scott, 16 Queen Ann Road, questioned the CME Associates bill for easements.

Joanne Bergin replied this is for the Army Corp of Engineers required easements for the beach replenishment project. She said the Township has been asked to authorize the survey and direct that work and the Township will be reimbursed by the State of New Jersey.

George Scott questioned the Eagle Construction Services bill for boilers and electric heaters and asked if the Henry Mancini bill for \$38,330.00 will be reimbursed for dune mitigation

President Mummolo advised that the boiler is for the Municipal Complex.

Joanne Bergin added the boilers are being replaced which has not had an overhaul in many years. And they will be reimbursed for the dune mitigation bill.

George Scott asked if the Starkey, Kelly legal bill if that includes the Earle Asphalt matter.

Kevin Starkey responded that he is not personally handling that issue but advised Earle is seeking payment on a paving project and the Township believes the project was done not up to standard and are objecting to the payment and noted it is pending litigation.

George Scott questioned the bill for tables and chairs for the farmers market and why is the Township absorbing the cost for this.

Joanne Bergin advised the Township has a grant for the Farmers Market so this will be invoiced back to the grant – it is a reimbursable grant.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Mummolo closed the public hearing on the Computer Bill Resolution.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilman Fozman to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:
Councilwoman Zapcic ABSTAINED on New Jersey Press Media.
Councilman Fozman ABSTAINED on BTMUA.

2015 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$20,747,433.56

President Mummolo opened the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution

Karl DiGioia, 1621 Forge Pond Road, questioned what this is for.

President Mummolo responded mostly for the Township payroll.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Mummolo closed the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution.

Motion by Councilman Fozman and seconded by Councilwoman Lydecker to adopt the following Resolution.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:
Councilman Moore ABSTAINED on Township Payroll.

2015 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$2,952,942.90

Kevin Starkey stated there are a lot of people here on a certain issue and the Mayor and Council welcome the comments and the public has a right to be heard and should be heard, but this Council does not make decisions on Land Use applications. He said there is an application that is on Route 88 and Burrsville Road that is pending before the Planning Board. He said the Planning Board makes decisions on Land Use applications and several hearings have been held and that Board is holding another meeting on October 28th. He advised that it is important for residents that have something to say to go to that meeting so your comments are in that record before the body that will be making the decision on that. He said because this is a pending application he advised the Mayor and Township Council they should not comment

either in favor, opposed or any comment on this application and noted it would do more harm than good for them to comment on this pending application.

Janice DiGioia, 1621 Forge Pond Road, stated her concerns with the traffic situation that goes through her neighborhood as a cut through to Route 70. She stated that it makes no sense to increase the population by 300/400 new cars as was stated in the developers traffic study on file regarding the hotel.

Ed Mulligan, 1705 Tilford Boulevard, stated his concerns with the possibility of the hotel being developed and his concerns with the traffic that it will bring to the highly congested area. He asked that the Council and Mayor take a closer look at this and talk to the Planning Board.

Mindy Murray, 622 Forge Pond Road, stated her concerns with the hotel and what it will do to the wildlife if and when it gets developed. She spoke about traffic concerns.

Kevin Starkey reiterated these comments are important but for the Mayor and Council to speak, influence or persuade that Board is not allowed.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, read this letter regarding the parkway construction project.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, said he heard the red light cameras may come back to Brick. He spoke of the Chief retiring and asked if drones are being considered patrolling problem neighborhoods.

Mayor Ducey in 2014 the Township did away with the red light cameras and then the State followed. He advised unless the Governor changes the law, they are gone from New Jersey. He advised with regards to drones that Public Safety is run by the Chief and it would be the Chief's purview.

Sam Foster spoke of the crime rating Brick received and if there are any plans to appropriate more money in the budget for the anti- drug efforts

Councilwoman Zapcic responded the Mayor and Council brought back the anti-gang task force and made sure there was funding there to do the job and increased the police department from 125 to 132 officers and they are working with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office and also brought back the Municipal Alliance Committee offering programs for all Brick residents. She said there is a 24/7 prescription drop box in Town Hall.

Mayor Ducey advised a huge part of the crime ratings are based upon arrests; police are doing their job and that is why are ranking was higher.

Patty Bruno, 1475 Davidson Avenue, stated her concerns with the building of the hotel and the integrity of the neighborhood and compromise of property values with this proposal.

Lori Zingg, 1469 Princess Avenue, stated her concerns with the building of the hotel and strip mall.

Michele Spector, 808 Jenny Court, stated her concerns with the property values at Evergreen Woods due to the parkway construction project.

Lesleigh Campanale, 118 Taylor Boulevard, asked when the Public will be heard at the Planning Board Meeting regarding the hotel.

President Mummolo explained the procedure the Planning Board has to follow and advised after all the testimony is heard the public can comment and ask questions.

Kevin Starkey explained sometimes the testimony can take the entire night of a Planning Board meeting and possibly two or more hearings. He said Board is required by law to allow members of the public to speak. He advised the Planning Board is a little different then the council public comment period and that they do not always open it public comment at every hearing at the end, but every application, there is a period for public comment.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, spoke about a grading issue at her home.

Vic Finamore, 137 Queen Ann Road, spoke of some safety concerns with residents using oxygen and smoking and suggested placards/signage be used so that emergency personnel would know oxygen is in use at a home and/or apartments and spoke of the many foreclosures in the Township.

Mayor Ducey advised the police department has an ongoing list of residents with special circumstances so if any emergency personnel are called to that address they will know what the special needs are at that location. He said residents can sign up for this by calling Town Hall.

Michelle, Harvard Avenue, questioned if the 200 foot notification can be extended out further.

Kevin Starkey responded 200 feet is a required by State Law. He said in addition to that there publications in the local newspapers and agendas are posted to the Planning Board website.

Steve Brill, 808 Jenny Court, stated his concerns with the parkway expansion project.

Steve Cancel, Sawmill Road, stated his concerns with some political campaign flyers highlighting the heroin epidemic.

Debbie Catalina, 1450 Davidson Avenue, stated her concerns with the hotel and the traffic issues it will cause.

Jim Cancel, Sawmill Road, stated of his concerns with the heroin problem in Brick Township.

Mayor Ducey spoke about the empty storefront program. He spoke of the police department's special enforcement teams and what a great job they are doing on the drug issues in town. He commented on the DARE Program and the Lead & Seed Program in the High Schools. He gave a brief history of the meetings he attended regarding the Parkway Construction Project. He spoke about having control of what can be done at the Foodtown site because the Township owns that site and the Council was able to ban residential there. He gave a report of the various roads being paved by the County. He mentioned the various events he attended and gave an update on the park projects and advised of the ribbon cuttings and ground breaking events.

Councilman Moore spoke of Chief Bergquist's retirement. He commented that it is a great idea to have placards for residents that use oxygen.

Councilwoman Zapcic thanked the residents that came out to comment on the hotel. She spoke of the BMAC Program addressing the drug issues in town. She urged residents to dispose of unused medications. She spoke of the BMAC program – Parenting an Athlete it's a five session program for parents of children that are in the 11 to 18 age range.

Councilwoman Lydecker spoke about the Buy in Brick Program and encouraged residents to join the program. She spoke of the drug issues and how important education is. She commended Councilwoman Zapcic for her work on BMAC.

Councilman Fozman commended Councilwoman Zapcic and the Mayor for their efforts combating the drug problem in town. He congratulated the Students of the Month, The Arc and the PAL Award Recipients. He gave an update of the various events he attended.

Councilwoman Pontoriero thanked the residents for their comments on the hotel. She spoke of what BMAC is doing to help combat the drug issues in town. She congratulated the Students of the Month, The Arc and PAL Award Recipients. She mentioned she attended Avery's Carnival and what a great event it was.

President Mummolo advised of the various events he attended. He mentioned that he got an opportunity to drive with a police officer for one shift. He commented on the drug issue brought up and urged parents to talk to their children to find out what's going on with them.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilman Moore to Adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Paul Mummolo
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk