

A 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

Councilwoman Andrea Zapcic
 Councilman Arthur Halloran
 Council Vice President Lisa Crate
 Councilman Paul Mummolo
 Councilman Jim Fozman
 Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero
 Council President Heather deJong

Also Present

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

Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in Asbury Park Press and The Ocean Star on January 5, 2018. 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 the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

David Richards – Special Olympics Gold Medalist

Mayor Ducey and Councilwoman Zapcic recognized David Richards for winning the “Gold” in the Special Olympics. Mayor Ducey said the New Jersey Special Olympics Summer Sports Festival was held June 8 - 10, 2018 at the College of New Jersey and Brick Township Memorial High School student David Richards earned two gold medals and one bronze medal in the swimming competitions. He said David Richards competed in four swimming events earning individual gold medals in the 50 freestyle and backstroke and a bronze medal in the team medley. He presented him with a proclamation and proclaimed Wednesday, June 27, 2018 to be David Richards Day. Councilwoman Zapcic expressed what an inspiration David is and presented him with a certificate of commendation on behalf of the Township Council.

Dystonia Awareness Month

Mayor Ducey and President deJong recognized Marguerite Weiss who has Dystonia. Mayor Ducey said Dystonia Awareness Month is designed to help raise public awareness, understanding and support for the disorder of Dystonia, a neurological movement disorder similar to Parkinson’s Disease and these symptoms can significantly interfere with a person’s daily life by impeding those affected from the ability to perform simple daily tasks such as the ability to walk, speak, get dressed or control the posture of their head. He presented her with a proclamation and proclaimed June 2018 to be Dystonia Awareness Month.

Marguerite Weiss thanked Mayor Ducey and his Administrative Assistant Debbie, council members and her community for the opportunity to accept this proclamation. She gave a brief history of her illness with Dystonia and the surgery she had that enabled her to walk again.

ProChamps - Property Register Development

Ted Mucellin of Community Champions explained the ProChamps program which addresses abandoned and foreclosed properties communities. He explained in detail the basis and background of the company. He said they assist local governments in managing or eliminating blight and one outcome would be the elimination of the Township’s code enforcement officials from having to spend time researching bank information and necessary contact information on abandoned properties and homes in foreclosure. He said their company researches all the properties through a database that contains all property listings and tracks new foreclosures as they go through the court system. He said they contact every bank and advise them of their needs and requirement to register that property and noted a small fee is shared with the Township and they collect the funds and then remits a check to the Township for the remainder minus their fee. He said there are no upfront costs, no out of pocket costs, nothing that will affect the budget.

Councilman Fozman asked what is the fee that will be charged and what the Township will receive.

Ted Mucellin said they charge \$100.00 per registration and said whatever the Township sets the

fee at usually is what will be reimbursed to the township. The fee is \$300.00 - \$500.00.

Kevin Starkey advised the fee in the ordinance is \$500.00.

President deJong questioned how many homes in Brick are in foreclosures.

Ted Mucellin advised about 1,300 to 1,500 foreclosures.

President deJong opened the public hearing on the presentation.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, stated she was confused on what properties are being registered.

Ted Mucellin answered abandoned and foreclosed properties.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, questioned the number of foreclosed properties.

Ted Mucellin answered they believe it to be between 1,300 and 1,500 properties.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President deJong closed the public hearing on the presentation.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Comments & Recommendations of 2017 Audit

President deJong stated this resolution confirms compliance with the Local Finance Board regulation that members of the governing body have reviewed the Township's 2017 annual audit report.

Acceptance of the 2017 Audit

President deJong stated this resolution accepts the 2017 audit and the Corrective Action Plan prepared by the Township's Chief Financial Officer. She said the Corrective Action Plan was developed to address one finding. While reserve accounts were set up in the grant fund for several grants that were related to ordinances in the capital fund, the charges against the appropriated reserves were not being accounted for in the grant fund. She stated the CFO has implemented written policies and procedures for grant to prevent any potential compliance violations in the future.

Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – Clean Communities Grant – 2018

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the insertion of a \$158,713.34 for the Clean Communities Grant for 2018. The Township uses these funds to offset the salary of the recycling coordinator and for equipment and supplies that assist the efforts on beautification and recycling.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Roadway Improvements to Tunes Brook Drive

Mayor Ducey stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for roadway improvements to Tunes Brook Drive.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Storage Facility at Drum Point Sports Complex

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for a storage facility at the Drum Point Sports Complex. She said the steel pre-fab 45 x 100 Butler building will house the parks department equipment.

Authorize Award of Bid – Property Register Development

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes an award of bid for property register development to Property Registration Champions, also known as Pro Champs, at a rate of \$100 per bank registered foreclosed property. She said as outlined in their presentation earlier, the company will be charging \$500 per property. She stated their fee will be dedicated from the amount collected and the Township will receive the balance. She said two firms submitted to the

request for bids and both firms were interviewed with Pro Champs providing the preferred strategy and optimum financing.

Authorize Award of Bid – HVAC Services – Municipal Complex and All Other Township Facilities

President deJong stated this resolution will authorize award of bid for HVAC services to Jersey State Controls for HVAC services at the Municipal Complex at a rate of \$138.00 per hour and Dash Mechanical for HVAC services at all other township facilities at a cost of \$90.00 per hour. 52 bidders were notified. She said five bids were received with Jersey State Controls and Dash Mechanical being the lowest responsive, responsible bidders.

Authorize Award of Bid – Roadway Improvements to Birchwood Park – Phase II

Mayor Ducey stated this resolution authorizes the award of bid for roadway improvements for the Birchwood Park Phase II to Earle Asphalt, Farmingdale, in the amount of \$593,013.13. He said notices were mailed to 64 contractors; thirteen responded and 6 bids were received ranging from the low bid to \$779,977.50. He said the project includes resurfacing Orangewood Drive, Orangewood Court, Elmwood Drive, Elmwood Court, Elmwood Place, Oakwood Drive, Sprucewood Drive, and Larchwood Drive.

Authorize Award of Bid – Legal Services Pool - OFF

Authorize Change Order #1 – Final – Municipal Building Reconstruction of West Stairs & Sidewalk

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes a change order in the contract issued to A-Tech Concrete be increased by \$4,128.50 with a credit adjustment of \$1,708.50 for irrigation repairs, increasing the contract amount from \$196,400.00 to \$198,820.00 for a total increase of \$2,420.00. She said the contractor was able to complete curb repairs while here for the reconstruction of the ramp; that additional work increased the contract amount.

Authorize Change Order #1 – Final – Roadway Improvements to Sweeney Avenue

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes a change order decrease by \$49,099.72 to Earle Asphalt for the roadway improvements to Sweeney Avenue contract. She said during construction, they worked diligently with the contractor to evaluate the storm drains and found that the existing systems were in good shape and did not warrant reconstruction, therefore resulting in significant savings.

Authorize Waiver of the Noise Ordinance – The Shops at Brick Parking Lot Improvement

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes a waiver of the township noise ordinance at the Shops of Brick. She said the contractor has requested permission to complete milling and paving during off-hours June 27 – July 10.

Authorize Waiver of the Noise Ordinance – BMHS Marching Ban

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes a waiver of the noise ordinance so that the Brick Memorial High School Marching Band can have practices, rehearsals, and performances from June through November 3rd without inadvertently violating the noise ordinance in accordance with the schedule provided by the band director.

Authorize 2018-2019 Liquor License Renewal without Restrictions – FRIT

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes a liquor license renewal without restrictions to FRIT Leasing and Development Services for the period of July 1 – June 30, 2019.

Authorize 2018-2019 Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License Renewal with Restrictions – FRIT

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes a liquor license renewal with restrictions to FRIT Leasing and Development Services for the period of July 1 – June 30, 2019. She said the restrictions require the business to operate as a family restaurant with at least 150 seats and a bar area with no more than 20 seats.

Authorize Amendment to Special Events Permit – Chamber of Commerce

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes an amendment to the special events permit for the Chamber of Commerce Fast and Furious Event that has been rescheduled due to bad weather from June 2 to June 30 at the Brick PAL on Drum Point Road. She said the event will

be held from 10 am to 3 pm.

Authorize Placement of Tax Liens for Property Clean-ups

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the placement of tax liens at 103 Bayview Drive in the amount of \$60.29; 127 Baywood Boulevard in the amount of \$219.28 and 221 Squan Beach Drive in the amount of \$294.43.

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

- Performance Bond Release – Francisco Salas – Gale Road in the amount of \$3,500.00.
- Inspection Fund Release – KLM Construction, LLC – Route 88 in the amount of \$542.50.

Tax Collector:

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- Tax Overpayments – 2012 Block 1405.04 Lot 56 in the amount of \$17.05.
- Tax Overpayments – 2018 Block 382.39 Lot 2 in the amount of \$106.24; Block 1192.16 Lot 25 in the amount of \$242.14.
- Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates Block 1227 Lot 599.
- Refund Additional Credit – 100% DAV – Block 1340.17 Lot 48.

Councilman Fozman questioned the resolution for HVAC services regarding Dash Mechanical stated it looks like they have a not to exceed \$55,000.00 and asked if that goes for Jersey State Controls as well; is it for both of them or is it combined.

Joanne Bergin commented it is an aggregate amount of \$55,000.00 per year.

President deJong opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, agreed with Councilman Fozman that they should have had more information on the resolutions. She questioned the liquor licenses for FRIT.

Clerk Iannarone explained they have two liquor licenses, one is with restrictions and one is without restrictions and they can be put anywhere in the township as long as council approves it.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President deJong closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Councilman Fozman questioned the Kentwood Sanitation reimbursement of \$50,000.00.

Joanne Bergin explained the Municipal Services Act requires the township to reimburse communities for certain services and they are reimbursed using a formula of what it would actually cost the township to provide the services. She said if they provide the documentation that they paid a contractor; sanitation collection is one of those services.

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

There were no comments from the audience.

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

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

- All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:
Councilwoman Zapcic ABSTAINED on Medieval Times,
Councilman Mummolo ABSTAINED on Meridian Occupational Health,
President deJong ABSTAINED on CME.

2018 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$3,322,211.67

President deJong opened the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution.

There were no comments from the audience.

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

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:
President deJong ABSTAINED on CME.

2018 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,731,517.64

President deJong opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

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

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, spoke about the DATE (Disability Awareness Through Education) Team.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, stated he received his estimated tax bill and asked if it could be paid by credit card and if there was a fee. He asked how the amount of the estimated bill was determined. He said his taxes went up 5 percent. He also spoke about the school board budget and the loss of school aid.

Councilman Mummolo stated there is a 2½ percent fee to pay by credit card.

Joanne Bergin commented their numbers are finalized but they are waiting on other agencies.

Kevin Starkey commented part of the problem is the municipality collects taxes but they collect it for other entities; state, school, county, fire so they are somewhat beholden to them. He said the state has still not adopted a budget. He said every town does the same thing and then they have to fix it later in the year.

Mayor Ducey stated S2 is a bill that Senator Sweeney passed taking away \$22M worth of school aid from Brick Township. He is asking that that bill be vetoed.

Roxanne Jones, Laurelton Plaza Apartments, stated she is a member of the Osbornville Baptist Church and would like to have their events listed on the local channel. She commented she is concerned with the loss of school funding and hopes something can be done.

President deJong responded she could speak to the Public Information Officer about having their information broadcast on BTV.

President deJong closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey gave an update on the beach replenishment project; he announced several upcoming events.

Councilwoman Zapcic wished everyone a safe 4th of July.

Councilman Halloran congratulated David Richards and wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

Councilman Mummolo congratulated David Richards and wished everyone a happy 4th of July.

Councilman Fozman congratulated David Richards on his great accomplishment; he reminded everyone to use reusable shopping bags and that went to a neighborhood watch that was very informative.

Councilwoman Pontoriero congratulated the Special Olympian, David Richards; she announced a welcome to medicare seminar that is being hosted for Spanish speaking citizens.

Joanne Bergin advised that what makes the medicare seminar so special is that is being given

by Zulma Soto from Brick Township Senior Services.

President deJong gave an update on the Buy-in-Brick Program.

Motion by Councilwoman Zapcic and seconded by Councilman Halloran to Adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Heather deJong
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk