

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 7:06 p.m.

Present

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

Also Present

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

Absent

Councilman Arthur Halloran

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.

The Clerk was directed to accept and file the Building & Construction, Certificate of Occupancy, Engineering, Sewer & Water and Vital Statistics Reports for the month of October 2018.

Saint Dominic School - 2018 National Blue Ribbon School Award

President deJong and Mayor Ducey recognized Carol Bathmann, Elizabeth Tonkovich, Assistant Principal from Saint Dominic School and Father Brian from Saint Dominic Church. Mayor Ducey said since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has been recognizing outstanding public and private elementary, middle and high schools based upon their overall academic excellence and exemplary high performance and on October 1, 2018, Saint Dominic School learned from U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos during an assembly with students and staff, that they were one of the private schools chosen to receive their prestigious Blue Ribbon School Award. He said Saint Dominic School attended the 2018 Award Ceremony in Washington, D.C. on November 7th where all National Blue Ribbon School honorees were presented with a special plaque and flag to signify their exemplary status. He presented and proclaimed Wednesday, November 21, 2018 to be Saint Dominic National Blue Ribbon School Day.

Mrs. Bathmann thanked Mayor Ducey and the Township Council for recognizing Saint Dominic School for this prestigious award. Father Brian thanked the faculty, volunteers and staff of Saint Dominic School for all they have done to help obtain this award.

Students of the Month – October

Mayor Ducey and Vice President Crate recognized the Students of the Month for October 2018. Vice President Crate named the Brick Township High School Students of the Month and presented certificates to: Samantha Maiorino, Michael Coveney, Lauren Washco and Jared Lott. She also named and presented certificates to Brick Memorial High School Students of the Month: Kylie Griggs, William Sulo, Sara Cressman, Ryan Novellano, Jaclyn Smith, Brooke Stephens, Zayla Blake and Vaughn Ortner.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Authorize Budget Appropriations Transfers

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes budget appropriation transfers as needed in order to purchase two police cars. She said these transfers do not increase the overall municipal budget in any way. She stated they are moving unexpended funds from one account into another.

Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the insertion of a grant in the amount of \$12,273.47 from the State of New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund as awarded to the Police Department for drunk driving enforcement initiatives.

Authorize Refund – Police Road Job Account

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes a refund from the Police Road Job Account in the amount of \$6,720.00

Authorize Cancellation of Grant Appropriated Reserves & Receivables

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the cancellation of grant appropriated reserves and receivables in programs where the funds cannot be spent within the contract period.

Authorize Award of Bid – Purchase & Delivery of One Pneumatic Tire Forklift

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of bid for the purchase and delivery of one pneumatic tire forklift to Eastern Lift Truck Co in the amount of \$37,133.70. She stated notices were sent to four bidders on the bidders list, three bidders requested bid packages. She reported two bids were received, one of which was rejected based on non-compliance with the bid specifications. She said the purchase of this truck was approved in the 2017 capital budget.

Authorize Award of Contract – Purchase & Delivery of One Ford F550 Dump Truck through Sourcewell National Cooperative

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract for the purchase and delivery of one Ford F550 Dump Truck with snow plow and sander through Sourcewell National Cooperative in the amount of \$99,178.00. She said Sourcewell currently has a contract available for this vehicle with National Auto Fleet Group under contract #120716 for cars, trucks, vans, SUVs and other vehicles. She stated the purchase of this truck was approved in the 2018 capital budget.

Authorize Award of Bid – CDBG Rehabilitation Program Project #18-03

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of bid for Community Development Block Grant, Housing Rehabilitation program to David Clark Construction, for a total bid amount of \$11,425.00. She reported bid notices were sent to 45 prospective bidders from the bidders list of which four picked up bid packages. She said three bids were received with David Clark Construction being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Authorize Change Order No. 1 Final – Roadway Improvements to Fairview

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the final change order in the Roadway Improvements to Fairview project. She said the change order represents a decrease in the overall amount of the contract awarded to Earle Asphalt by \$42,472.81.

Authorize Change Order No. 1 Final – Roadway Improvements to Bluffview

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the final change order in the Roadway Improvements to Bluffview project. She said the change order represents a decrease in the overall amount of the contract awarded to Mecos, Inc. by \$54,048.80.

Authorize Placement of Tax Liens for Property Clean-ups

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the placement of tax liens for property cleanups at 130 Woodland Drive in the amount of \$114.46 and Block 1223, Lots 686, 687 and 706 in the amount of \$2,875.00

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

- Performance Bond Release – Stellar Performance, LLC – Off Princeton Avenue in the amount of \$8,083.49.
- Performance Bond & Inspection Fund Release – BMA Holdings – Herbertsville Road. A cash performance bond in the amount of \$60,309.59 and an inspection fund release of \$488.68.
- Inspection Fund Release – Lions Head South Association – Lions Head Boulevard South

in the amount of \$310.23

- Inspection Fund Release – TK522 Holdings, LLC – Brick Boulevard in the amount of \$556.64.
- Inspection Fund Release – Mattina Construction, LLC – Stuyvesant Avenue in the amount of \$2,358.39.

Tax Collector:

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- Tax Overpayments 2016-2017. There is one for 2016 in the amount of \$1,400.33 and one for the year 2017 in the amount of \$1,437.35.

President deJong opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, questioned what the original road project costs that were decreased upon completion.

Councilman Mummolo provided the original amounts.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, asked for clarification on the Police Road Job Account and asked for clarification on the CDBG Rehabilitation Program Project and the Final Change Orders to Fairview and Bluffview.

Joanne Bergin responded the police road jobs are when a contractor needs to hire police to monitor a road job / traffic safety the contractor or utility company doing the work is required to retain them and provide that service. She said usually that service amount is estimated by the amount of hours or job will take. She stated in this case the job took less than what was anticipated so they are due a refund. She said the CDBG was one project and the Final Change Orders were for two roads in the township.

Councilwoman Zapcic said with the grant cancellation most of the grants the township is awarded are reimbursement grants so it is not that we actually receive money and are giving money back. She said they have to in the budget create an appropriation, spend against that appropriation and then file for reimbursement.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President deJong closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

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

There were no further comments from the audience.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Vice President Crate to adopt the following Resolution.

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

2018 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,715,866.39

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 Associates.

2018 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,713,048.26

President deJong opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, spoke about the Board of Education Meeting and asked if the final count has been completed from the election; he read his letter regarding the parkway construction project, the need for a safety wall and the health issues at Evergreen Woods.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, stated there needs to be more discussion on the items on the agenda; she spoke of having caucus meetings.

Steve Brill, 806 Jenny Court, commented on the amount of funds the township owes Evergreen Woods for the misappropriation of tree grant money; he reiterated and presented documentation that he said is proof that the promised grant money was misdirected to Bernie Cook Park; he urged the Township to provide a grant to Evergreen Woods for the cost and installation of a vinyl fence 12' in height; he questioned on the agenda it states any matters which may come before Council to explain the statement

Kevin Starkey explained it means if there are matters that the council as a whole desires to bring up that is not on the agenda, it is the council's prerogative. He said it is not the prerogative of any individual council members.

Michele Spector, 804 Jenny Court, commented she has been attending these meetings for six years; she spoke of the noise from the parkway and health issues.

Melanie Briggs, Summit Avenue, asked where she could get copies of studies/tests regarding health issues at Evergreen Woods.

President deJong responded the Township did not conduct these tests.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President deJong closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey commented on the Evergreen Woods issues have been going on for many years. He stated with regards to the trees, the Association would not give the township an easement to plant the trees on private property. He spoke of the sound wall in East Brunswick saying it is paid in part by a special assessment upon the residents that were affected by the wall. He said they asked the association and they did not want their residents paying a special assessment. He spoke of DOT dredging that is taking place; gave information for complaints. He spoke of events he attended and upcoming events.

Kevin Starkey congratulated St. Dominic School in winning the 2018 National Blue Ribbon School Award and said he graduated from St. Dominic and it was a great school then.

Councilwoman Zapcic commented it was a great night overall for education in Brick Township.; she congratulated the Students of the Month and St. Dominic School and also congratulated the newly promoted police officers for their service and dedication to the community. She shared an Iriquois Prayer of Thanksgiving and quoted JFK.

Vice President Crate commended the Recreation Department staff for the Polar Express and what a wonderful turnout. She reminded everyone Epiphany Church is hosting meals to Brick residents and delivering meals for Thanksgiving; she announced upcoming events at the library.

Councilman Mummolo congratulated St. Dominic for their Blue Ribbon Award and congratulated the Students of the Month.

Councilman Fozman said that he totally disagrees with what the Mayor said about the dredging at Traders Cove. He asked if they have received any money for the sale of the property for \$1.6M from the National Church Residence and when do they expect to receive that money and can it go into surplus to offset taxes for next year; he also asked if they have received any money for the Foodtown site; he asked questions regarding the CAFRA permit for the Foodtown

property; he asked for updates on the Bogan/Scarpelli payback; he announced the Seeds of Service on Mantoloking Road is in need of food donations and announced an upcoming event.

Kevin Starkey responded the closing for the sale of property from the National Church Residence has not taken place yet. He said they should receive that money at the time of the closing which could be by the end of this year. He reported it can go into surplus and can be included in the budget for next year. He said he believes DCA allows you to use money as long as there is a binding contract in place and they close prior to the adoption of the budget. He said they have not received any money for the Foodtown site they have not closed on that yet. He advised they received \$5,000 at the time of sentencing and there is an order in place that she is to paying the township through her second job that ISP has imposed on her.

Joanne Bergin commented the CAFRA permit is being prepared by the applicant and the township is submitting them.

Councilwoman Pontoriero congratulated the Students of the Month and St. Dominic School on their award; she spoke about the Neighborhood Watch Program at Evergreen Woods and announced the next Neighborhood Watch meetings.

President deJong congratulated the police officers who were promoted and wished them a safe and protected service; she congratulated St. Dominic School and also the Students of the Month; she gave an update for Buy-in-Brick Program and urged residents to support the local businesses during this holiday season.

Motion by Vice President Crate and seconded by Councilwoman Pontoriero to Adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Heather deJong
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk