

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
 Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero
 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

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.

Motion by Vice President Crate and seconded by Councilman Mummolo to dispense with the reading of the minutes of October 9, 2018.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Michael A. Blandina – Italian-American National Hall of Fame Inductee

Mayor Ducey said the Italian-American National Hall of Fame was founded in 1975 and is dedicated to recognizing and perpetuation the memory of the consistently outstanding contributions by Italian-Americans to their communities, the country and the world. He said one such person is Brick Township resident Michael Blandina. He said there are few individuals who have done more to promote the Italian-American heritage over the past three decades than Michael Blandina, who has served as the Chairman of the Ocean County Columbus Day Parade for over twenty years and in honor of his exemplary efforts with the Ocean County Columbus Day Parade and Festival, the Italian-American National Hall of Fame inducted Michael Blandina at a special ceremony held in Atlantic City on October 20, 2018. He presented and proclaimed Wednesday, November 7, 2018 to be Michael A. Blandina Day.

Michael Blandina thanked Mayor Ducey for this honor and thanked his committee members. He thanked the Mayor and Council for assisting with the Columbus Day Committee for the past several years with the Italian Flag Raising event to celebrate Italian Heritage Month.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Authorize Acceptance of Best Practice Inventory

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the acceptance of the Best Practice Inventory as required by the NJ Division of Local Government Services.

Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – 2018 Federal Highway Safety Grant

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the insertion of a Federal Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$29,999.00 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Replacement of Heat Pumps for the Municipal Complex

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the replacement of the heat pumps for the Municipal Complex, a project approved in the 2018 Capital Budget.

Authorize Award of Contract – Supply & Delivery of Natural Gas through Stafford Township Co-operative Pricing System

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract for the supply and delivery of natural gas through Stafford Township Co-operative Pricing System to South Jersey Energy Company. She advised on October 24th, Concord Engineering, an approved online purchasing agent with the NJ Department of Community Affairs E-Procurement Pilot Program, conducted an online sealed bid of which three bids were submitted: South Jersey Energy

Company at \$4.561 per unit of energy; Direct Energy at \$4.694 per unit of energy and Woodruff Energy at \$5.05980 per unit of energy. She said the Co-operative entered into an agreement with South Jersey Energy, the lowest responsible bidder.

Authorize Award of Re-Bid #2 – Purchase, Delivery & Installation – Access Control System

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of rebid for the purchase, delivery and installation of an access control system to Mr. Keys, Brick, for an amount not to exceed \$32,325.00 for the purchase, delivery and installation of an Access Control System, which is a key fob security system for the Municipal Building. She advised bid notices were mailed to 16 prospective bidders from the bidders list of which three picked up bid packages. She said two bids were received with Mr. Keys being the lowest responsive bidder and noted this project was approved in the 2018 Capital Budget.

Authorize Rejection of Bids and Re-Bid - CDBG Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program Project #17-09

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the rejection of bids and to Re-Bid for the Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program Project. She advised the bid received by David Clark Construction is being rejected due to the bid exceeding the program maximum bid threshold.

Authorize Rejection of Bids and Re-Bid - CDBG Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program Project #18-01

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the rejection of bids and to Re-Bid for the Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program Project. She advised the bid received by NDP Construction is being rejected due to the bid exceeding the program maximum bid threshold.

Authorize Execution of Shared Service Agreements w/Ocean County Prosecutor's Office:

- **Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program**
- **Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program**
- **Move Over Law Enforcement Program**

President deJong stated these resolutions authorize shared service agreements with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for several programs that require specific training including Driving While Intoxicated, Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program and the Move Over Law Enforcement Program. She advised in these agreements, the Township Police Department agrees to identify officers to participate in specific trainings at an hourly rate to be reimbursed by Ocean County.

Authorize Settlement of Lawsuit with Mantoloking Dunes Club – Roadway Status

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the settlement of a lawsuit with the Mantoloking Dunes Club regarding two roadways, Dune Avenue and Sunset Road. She advised in this settlement, the Township agrees that the roadways are privately owned by the Mantoloking Dunes Club.

Authorize Temporary Easement – NJDOT Route 35 Restoration Improvements

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes a temporary construction easement as needed by the NJ Department of Transportation for drainage improvements on Township property known as 427 Route 35 South. She advised the proposed project duration is six months with an appraised value of the easement at \$5,000.00.

Authorize Suspension of Beach Vehicle Permits 2018-2019

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes suspension of beach vehicle permits for 2018-2019. She said while most of the Army Corps of Engineers Beach Replenishment Project is complete, there is still work being done to construct the crossovers. She stated that the Police Chief does not recommend beach vehicle permits be issued while construction is underway.

Authorize Placement of Tax Liens for Property Clean-ups

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes placement of tax liens at: 52 Adair Drive in the amount of \$116.04; 264 Sky Manor Boulevard in the amount of \$74.38; and 8 Barrett Walk in the amount of \$181.93.

Tax Collector:

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- **Authorize In Rem Foreclosure Proceedings**

This resolution authorizes the Township to proceed with In Rem Foreclosures on 20 properties in the Township. She advised these proceeding are needed to create a foreclosure sale that will result in revenue to the Township either by redemption of the properties which will be calculated by the Tax Office upon request or their foreclosure and resale by the Township.

- **Tax Overpayments – 2018.**

Councilman Fozman said under question number #25 of the Best Practice Inventory worksheet it states “within the past year, has your municipality’s governing body assessed the authority or authorities it has created to ascertain whether they continue to serve the public interest” and said the answer was no and asked if anything was looked into with the water authority with that; he said he was happy to see that the Township is getting natural gas cheaper; he questioned if the Township plows the private roads.

Joanne Bergin advised they have not done a formal assessment of the water authority so that is why the answer was no and said she has never been directed to proceed with that.

Kevin Starkey said with the private roads there is a State Law called the Municipal Services Act and under that act the Municipality is required to either provide those services of snow plowing and leaf removal or to reimburse an association that does it on their own. He said it is an obligation of the Municipality to one or the other.

President deJong opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, stated her displeasure with not enough information being given on the resolutions particularly the Best Practice resolution that Councilman Fozman questioned; she spoke the lawsuit with the private streets and her displeasure with the tax lien foreclosure resolution.

George Scott, 16 Queen Ann Road, questioned the Best Practice Inventory Worksheet question numbers: 25, 28, 34, 40, 51 and 53; he asked for clarification of several other resolutions; he questioned the lawsuit resolution and if the Township was going to seek reimbursement on any kind improvements that were done in the past on those two roads.

Joanne Bergin gave him explanation on some of the worksheet numbers and advised she would follow up with him in more detail on other numbers and she gave an explanation on the other questions.

Kevin Starkey explained the situation on the lawsuit with the private streets and advised in his legal opinion it would be not worthwhile to pursue 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.

George Scott, 16 Queen Ann Road, questioned the bill item for Michael Capko; he asked for clarification on several other bill items.

Councilwoman Zapcic advised Michael Capko is the BMAC Coordinator/Consultant and that amount is for his services rendered to the Township for overseeing the BMAC Grant and the programs associated with it and those charges are paid either from the grant or from the fundraised monies with a maximum amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Kevin Starkey gave him an explanation on the other computer bill items.

There were no further comments from the audience.

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

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Councilman Halloran to adopt the following Resolution.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:
Councilman Mummolo ABSTAINED on Meridian Occupational Health;
President deJong ABSTAINED on CME Associates.

2018 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$13,978,637.00

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 Councilman Mummolo 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 \$1,725,559.13

President deJong opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, read his letter regarding the parkway construction project, the need for a safety wall and reforestation at Evergreen Woods.

Steve Brill, 806 Jenny Court, spoke about an article that was featured in the Ocean Star; stated his displeasure with Bernard Cooke Park and the parkway and the need for a sound wall.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, stated her displeasure with just recognizing Italian American Heritages; she requested going back to having caucus meetings.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President deJong closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey spoke about the special Solidarity Services held at Temple Beth Or that he attended in honor of the victims of the senseless shooting in Pittsburgh; he urged residents to attend the Veteran's Day Ceremony at Town Hall on Sunday.

Kevin Starkey commended Mayor and Council for recognizing Michael Blandina and said he has done exceptional work for the Italian-Americans for this town for years and it was well deserved.

Clerk Iannarone advised the General Election is tomorrow and the polls and the Township Clerk's office is open from 6am to 8pm.

Councilwoman Zapcic mentioned the upcoming events and urged residents to go out and vote; and spoke about some of the misunderstandings with the mail in ballots.

Councilman Halloran congratulated Michael Blandina and thanked him for all he does; he urged resident to go out and vote.

Vice President Crate echoed the sentiments to vote at the General Election; she gave some information on how to donate food, etc., for the Thanksgiving dinner at Church of Epiphany; she announced some upcoming events at the Brick Library.

Councilman Mummolo said he is happy when the Mayor and Council can honor residents for their accomplishments and congratulated Michael Blandina.

Councilman Fozman expressed his displeasure with the situation with the dirt in back on Town Hall; he said he attended the recent Senior Outreach event and also attended the Seeds of Service Grand Opening and mentioned what a great asset they are to the community.

Councilwoman Pontoriero gave an update on some Neighborhood Watch Meetings; she mentioned the upcoming St. Dominic School Blue Ribbon of Excellence event on Sunday.

President deJong gave a Buy in Brick update; she also urged resident to go out and vote.

Motion by Councilman Halloran and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to Adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Heather deJong
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk