

August 28, 2018

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
Council Vice President Lisa Crate (arrived 7:40 pm)
Councilman Paul Mummolo
Councilman Jim Fozman
Council President Heather deJong

Also Present

Mayor John G. Ducey
Scott Kenneally, Township Attorney
Jessica L. Larney, Assistant Township Clerk
Joanne Bergin, Business Administrator

Absent

Councilman Arthur Halloran
Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero

Assistant Clerk Larney 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 Councilman Mummolo seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to dispense with the reading of the minutes of July 24, 2018 Meeting.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Mayor Ducey gave an update on the recent flood mentioning Greenbriar I, Sutton Village, Primrose, New York Avenue and Paramount and many others all over town. He commended all those who came out to help and said they will be honored at a future meeting. He stated they still need help and volunteers to clean up and rebuild the homes. He commented they also need help from FEMA and the federal representatives. He stated they are still looking into the cause of this flooding. He said there is a resolution on the agenda tonight to have an independent study done on the flood event. He thanked all for being charitable, generous and selfless to the victims of the terrible event.

Motion by Councilwoman Zapcic and seconded by Councilman Mummolo to adopt the following Resolutions.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:

Councilman Mummolo ABSTAINED on “*Authorize Award of Re-Bid – Professional Medical Services – Category A*”;

President deJong ABSTAINED on “*Authorize Award of Bid – Engineering Services Pool*”.

Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Brick Law Enforcement Trust Fund

President deJong stated this resolution establishes a dedicated law enforcement trust fund to be used specifically for law enforcement purposes and funded by completed forfeiture actions. She said investigations performed by Brick Township Police Department are the primary sources of funds received from forfeiture actions. Previously, forfeiture funds were collected as part of the Police Department’s trust fund but new guidance has been issued requiring forfeiture funds to be placed in a separate trust fund.

Authorize Insertion Chapter 159 – Title III B & Title III E Caregiver Senior Outreach Grant

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the insertion of a grant for the Ocean County Office of Senior Services in the amount of \$20,000.00 for Title III B and \$7,500.00 for Title III E Caregiver Senior Outreach Grant. She said these funds are used to offset the programs and services available at the Brick Township Senior Center. In 2017, the staff at the senior center provided services to 360 family caregivers, delivered approximately 1,700 counseling hours (either in their homes or in the office) to 500 older adults and provided information and assistance to 2,600 seniors. She stated additionally, 1,282 seniors attended various activities and programs at the Senior Center. Staff provided 105 medical transportation trips to 21 seniors and made 6,513 wellness calls to 45 homebound seniors and provided follow-up reevaluation to 200 elderly residents receiving Meals on Wheels.

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Authorize Application – Recreational Opportunities For Individuals with Disabilities Grant
Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes an application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for a grant in the amount of \$14,000.00 to carry out a project to provide inclusive recreational opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities as part of Brick Township’s recreational programming for those between the ages of 11 and 30.

Authorize Award of Bid – Engineering Services Pool

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes an award of bid for the engineering services pool to the following: Abbington Engineering LLC, Jackson, ACT Engineers, Inc, Robbinsville, Bright View Engineering, Roseland, Center State Engineering, Monroe, CME Associates, Howell, French & Parillo Associates, Wall, Keystone Engineering Group, Inc, Hamilton, Leon S. Avakian, Inc, Neptune, LSEA, Corp, Montville, Matrix New World Engineering, Eatontown, Mott MacDonald, Freehold, Najarian Associates, Eatontown, Van Cleef Engineering (O'Donnell Stanton & Associates), Hillsborough, Roberts Engineering Group, Hamilton and WJH Engineering, Manasquan. She said this resolution enables the Township to expand the current engineering services pool to ensure a diverse mix of professionals in various areas of expertise from which to use as needed.

Authorize Award of Re-Bid – Professional Medical Services – Category A

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of re-bid for professional medical services for physical examinations to Meridian Occupational Health, Eatontown. She said the contract is being awarded for various rates depending on the service with a total amount not to exceed \$110,000.00. The contract will commence on August 29 and end on August 11, 2019. Bid notices were mailed to 11 prospective bidders. Two bidders picked up proposals and 2 bids were received. The Township’s Human Resources Director reviewed the bids and indicated that Meridian Occupational Health was the only bidder to submit a proposal for all items in the category. Based on the established working relationship, it was recommended that Meridian be retained to continue to provide these services.

Authorize Disposal of Surplus Property – 20’ Duralite Box Truck

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the disposal of surplus property, specifically a 20 foot Duralite Box Trailer which is in poor condition and no longer needed for public use. She said due to the condition of the trailer, it has been deemed unusable and unrepairable for which there is no fair market value. The Deputy Police Chief has requested that the trailer be transported to a local recycling center and destroyed.

Authorize Placement of Tax Liens for Property Clean-ups

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the placement of a tax lien in the amount of \$59.82 at 103 Baywood Drive, Block 269, Lot 19.

Authorize Special Events Permit – Avery’s Carnival

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes a special events permit for the 11th Annual Avery Carnival from 1 to 5 pm September 29 at the PAL on Drum Point Road. A rain date has been set for September 30.

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Assistant Clerk Larney advised the following:

- Inspection Fund Release – RC Electrical General Co., LLC – Drum Point Rd in the amount of \$500.

Tax Collector:

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes – Block 252.16 Lot 22.
- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes – Block 701 Lot 9.05 C0403.
- Tax Overpayments – 2012; there is one in the amount of \$18.78.
- Tax Overpayments – 2019; there is one in the amount of \$930.24.

Authorize Temporary Waiver of Building Department Fees for Flood Event

Mayor Ducey stated there is going to be a lot of rebuilding, some of which will require permits. He said he is asking the Council to waive all fees for anyone who was a victim of the flood event and they are hoping the state does the same.

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Requesting New Jersey Turnpike Authority & Ocean County Engineering Department to have an Independent Study done on the Flood Event

Mayor Ducey said that he mentioned this earlier but this resolution will request that an independent engineering firm be hired by the Turnpike Authority/County to research the cause of the flood event and make the results available to the residents.

Councilman Fozman commented that the Council also waived the fees after Sandy and this is another good thing to be waiving the fees for those affected by the flood. He said if need be he is willing to extend the time longer in order for the residents to get back into their homes.

President deJong opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, expressed her concerns with Senior Caregiver Grant; she asked if it involved the County. She also questioned the Professional Medical Services resolution and said that not enough information was given on how they came to their conclusions.

President deJong explained both resolutions.

Councilwoman Zapcic responded it was fitness for duty and new hires, not ongoing health insurance.

Sam Foster, Teakwood Drive, expressed his concerns with the Independent Study on the Flood Event resolution.

Mayor Ducey explained he wants an independent agency to look at the cause of the flood, not the agency that did the work.

Councilman Fozman commented engineers are not always right.

Councilman Mummolo commented this event has never happened before the construction that took place at the new interchange.

Kevin Smith, Greenbriar, commented he lost everything. He thanked the Mayor and Council for working with dignitaries and the governor. He hopes the Council approves waiving of the fees. He spoke of the issues regarding the Parkway and he is happy they are requesting an independent study.

President deJong commented the independent study is not concrete yet; they are requesting the Turnpike Authority and Ocean County Engineering Department do that.

Steve Brill, Jenny Court, also commented on the Independent Study resolution; he asked if landfill contributed to the flood event and urged the project be reviewed.

Mayor Ducey stated the EPA requested that the basin be checked and it was fully functioning.

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 comments from the audience.

President deJong closed the public hearing on the Computer 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:
Councilwoman Zapcic ABSTAINED on NJ Press Media;
Councilman Mummolo ABSTAINED on Meridian Occupational Health;
President deJong ABSTAINED on CME Associates.

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2018 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$11,411,855.92

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 Councilman Mummolo 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 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,806,426.03

President deJong opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Angel Santos, 5 Vaughn Court, said that he was affected by the flood and lost everything. He stated he is upset there are no solid answers or directions where the township is headed for help. He suggested the taxes be waived for a quarter so they could use that money to rebuild. He stated they have been denied by FEMA, the Red Cross, and the insurance companies. He thanked all of the volunteers who came out to help but he said that they need financial assistance.

Mayor Ducey replied hopefully FEMA will come through. He stated in regard to property taxes, the tax assessor's office is pro-active on this storm because of their unfortunate experience with Sandy. He explained there is a property damage inspection request form that has to be completed prior to 12/31/2018. He said they can schedule appointments with the property owners once the conditions within their homes have stabilized. He said the inspections do not go into effect until January 2019.

Resident, 125 Clay Circle, had a flood 3 weeks prior to August 13. She stated she lives at an intersection that had flooded about 3'; this is the second time she had to deal with water coming up to her house. She has never had flooding there before and wants it to be noted that something has changed. She commented she went out and got flood insurance today. She commended all who came out in support of the residents.

Kevin Smith, 59 Markham Road, stated the MUA has been working for 3 weeks at the pump house/station. He had 4' of water in his driveway and noted the sewer caps popped off. He asked why the town could not take over the MUA so they were not a separate entity. He commented there was sewerage in his bathroom. He thanked the high school kids who volunteered. He thanked the Greenbriar community and all organizations who came in and helped.

Mayor Ducey responded their infrastructure was so old that the town would then be responsible for it and have to replace it, therefore it is not cost effective. He suggested Kevin Smith call the Department of Health.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, read his letter regarding the parkway construction project and the need for a sound wall. He spoke of flooding issues and the sink hole near Exit 92.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, spoke about a news article regarding Greenbriar flood residents and the service organizations that stepped up. She suggested the planning department provide a list of good and bad contractors.

Bruce Ralli, 8 Whitman Street, thanked the town and volunteers for the job they did. He spoke of the gate collapse at the end of the lake and asked how that would affect future flooding. He said something has definitely changed and it is important they do the study.

Mayor Ducey responded they could fix that under emergency appropriations so they do not have to go out to bid. He said the gate is still there but the water was so deep you could not see it.

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Melanie Briggs, Summit Avenue, spoke about the five minute clock. She commented on township employees went over to Greenbriar after work to help remove items that were put out by residents. She stated there is a rule if some acts out, uses inappropriate language against the Council they can be barred from meetings. She said there is no reason for President deJong as Council President to ever use their name. She wants to see these meetings come back to civil, informative and calm meetings.

Mr. Czekaj stated he is glad for Melanie Briggs' comment on the five minute clock.

President deJong closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey stated they will honor all volunteers at an upcoming meeting. He announced the Housing Authority has opened up their waiting list through 10/31/2018.

Vice President Crate thanked all who came out from Greenbriar and the volunteers who helped.

Councilwoman Zapcic acknowledged Greenbriar I residents who came out and explained what they are going through. She also thanked all of the volunteers who came out. She commented on Rev. Chase's retirement and thanked him for his service.

Councilman Mummolo gave an update on Princeton Avenue project. He thanked Greenbriar I residents for coming out. He is happy with the waiver of permit fees for the flood event and explained that they will still need to have inspections.

Councilman Fozman is happy with the waiver of building fees and would vote to extend it if need be. He spoke with Dan Kelly from the Governor's office about having them oversee the Turnpike and the County so they can get a true reading. He spoke of flooding in other areas. He spoke about a sound study for Evergreen Woods for a wall.

President deJong thanked Greenbriar residents for coming out. She provided an update to the Buy in Brick program and urged Greenbriar to look at the list and sign up. She thanked the Mayor for his leadership during this flood event as well as Joanne Bergin, Township Engineer, Code and Building officials, all the township employees and volunteers. She wished students good luck, do well and make Brick proud.

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to Adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Heather deJong
Council President

Jessica L. Larney
Assistant Township Clerk