

A Caucus/Public meeting of the Township Council was held in the Municipal Building at 9:00 a.m. and was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present

Councilwoman Andrea Zapcic
Councilman Arthur Halloran
Council Vice President Lisa Crate
Councilman Paul Mummolo
Council President Heather deJong

Also Present

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

Absent

Councilman Jim Fozman
Councilwoman Mariana Pontoriero

Assistant Clerk Larney announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in Asbury Park Press and The Ocean Star on December 18, 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 Halloran to dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 4, 2018.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Mayor Ducey called MaryAnn Jusinski up to the podium. He read and presented her with a proclamation and key to the city and named January 2, 2019 to be MaryAnn Jusinski Day.

MaryAnn thanked the mayor and said she has enjoyed working with him. She thanked council for supporting her throughout the years and wished them all the best. She thanked Kevin for his legal advice. She also thanked the employees of Brick Township; it truly is a community and wished everyone the best. She thanked Joanne Bergin for her support.

Mayor Ducey called Ken Somers up to the podium. He read and presented him with a proclamation and key to the city and named January 3, 2019 to be Ken Somers Day.

Ken thanked everyone for being there today and thanked the Council, Mayor and Joanne Bergin for giving him the opportunity to be the Superintendent of Public Works. He thanked everyone from public works in helping him this year; it was his first year running the department and he feels they did well.

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Vice President Crate to adopt the following Resolutions:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Authorize Budget Appropriation Transfers

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes budget appropriation transfers as needed based on cost projections through year end. She said none of these transfers increases the overall municipal budget in any way. She reported the transfers they are doing tonight represents less than one percent of the total budget.

Authorize Transfers into Dedicated Trust Funds

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to transfer \$500,000.00 into the Dedicated Account for Accumulated Absence Liabilities and \$400,000.00 into the Dedicated Account for Snow Removal for a total authorized transfer of \$900,000.00. She said the Township Council has established Dedicated Trust Funds for the purpose of providing funding for Accumulated Absence Liabilities and Snow Trust Removal. She stated the council wishes to transfer funds from the 2018 current fund budget into these Dedicated Trust Funds.

Authorize Award of Contract – Purchase, Delivery & Installation of Storage Lockers

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes award of contract for the purchase, delivery and installation of storage spacesaver freestyle lockers through the Sourcewell National Co-op to Krueger International in the amount of \$22,599.45. She said this project was approved in the 2015 capital budget as part of the Police Department renovation project.

Authorize Rejection of Re-Bid and Authorize Negotiation of a Contract for Operation of Brick Beach I Food Concession Stand

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes rejection of rebid and to authorize the Township's Business Administrator to directly negotiate a contract for operation of the Brick Beach 1 food concession stand. She said the Township advertised for bids on November 27 and December 18. Bid notices were sent to 16 prospective bidders and one picked up a bid package. She reported one bid was received, that being Jersey Shore Snack Shack, Point Pleasant. She reported the bid specifications set the minimum bid amount at \$75,000 (\$25,000 per year for each of the three years in the contract). However, the bidder submitted a bid for a total of \$30,000 (\$10,000 per year) which is 1/3 of the contract amount. Therefore, they will be rejecting the bid as non-responsive and will directly negotiate with potential vendors.

Authorize Award of Contract – Employee Health Benefits Coverage – Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract to provide third party administrative services of the Township of Brick Employees and Retirees Health Benefits Coverage to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield at the rate of \$58.50 per employee per month plus claims cost. She said the term of this contract is for the period of twelve months and shall commence on January 1, 2019. She stated additionally, Horizon has implemented changes to the management of benefits that include quarterly claim reviews with Township staff and assistance with policy changes that will incorporate standards for claims that require review.

Authorize Award of Contract – Prescription Coverage – Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract for prescription coverage for the Township of Brick Employees and Retirees to the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund. She said the term of this contract is one year commencing January 1, 2019. She stated in this process, Fairview Insurance Agency is the township's broker and solicited quotes for coverage. She reported the CHJIF's renewal is 1.19 percent reduction in current rates.

Authorize Award of Contract – Dental Program 2nd Year – Delta Dental

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract for providing a dental program to employees with Delta Dental, Parsippany. She said this is the second year of a two-year contract commencing January 1, 2019. She reported the Delta Dental proposal offered a larger coverage network including providers within a reasonable distance and a 0 percent increase in administrative fees. She stated over the course of the relationship with Delta, they have proven to be reliable and responsive. She said they offer a larger coverage network which allows employees to access an in-network provider.

Authorize Award of Contract – Dental Program 2nd Year – International Healthcare Services

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of the second year of a two-year contract to provide a dental program to employees with International Healthcare Services, Uniondale, NY, commencing January 1, 2019. She said this program provides an alternative plan to Delta Dental for those interested in coverage which includes only specified providers.

Authorize Award of Contract – Cobra Services – Benefits Analysis

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract for COBRA rates and COBRA coverage benefit coverage to employees to Benefits Analysis, Nutley. She said the term of this contract is for a one-year period commencing January 1, 2019. She reported Benefits Analysis Inc. has offered a 0 percent rate increase.

Authorize Award of Contract – Stop Loss Coverage – Symetra

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract for Stop Loss Coverage to Symetra Financial, Bellevue, WA. She said the term of this contract is for a one-year period

commencing January 1, 2019. The Township has had a good history with Symetra to date. She reported the 2019 rates represent a 0 percent premium increase.

Authorize Award of Contract – 3rd Year – Property and Casualty Insurance Coverage & Services Program

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract for Property and Casualty Insurance Coverage and Services to Conner Strong & Buckelew Companies, Toms River. She said this is the third year of a three-year contract. She reported Conner Strong & Buckelew has been serving as the Joint Insurance Fund for many years and the Township has been very happy with the services provided. She stated there is no broker or middleman involved, the agency works directly with Township staff including the Business Administrator, HR Director and Risk Management Officer to develop and implement programs to increase safety and reduce liability and claims.

Authorize Award of Contract – Vision Coverage – United Healthcare Insurance

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract for vision coverage to United Healthcare Insurance Hartford, Ct. She said the term of this contract is for a period of one year commencing on January 1, 2019. She reported the Township has enjoyed a good history with United Healthcare Insurance to date and the rates reflect a 0 percent increase in costs.

Authorize Award of Bid – Airport Tract Bikeway Expansion Project

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of bid Down to Earth Landscaping, Jackson for improvements planned to expand the Airport Tract Bikeway through Edmund Hibbard Ball Park.

Authorize Execution of Two Memorandum of Agreements with Teamsters Local No. 469

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes a memorandum of agreement with the Teamsters Local 469 covering school traffic crossing guards and supervisors. She said both contracts are four-year agreements and both contracts have a total cost of contract increase at or below 3 percent.

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Assistant Clerk Larney advised:

- Inspection Fund Release – Crab Addison, Inc. – Brick Plaza in the amount of \$8,804.96.

Tax Collector:

Joanne Bergin advised:

- Authorize Fixing of Interest on Taxes and Assessments – 2019. She said in accordance with N.J.S.A 54:4-67 the township council permits the fixing of the interest to be charged on taxes and assessments at 8 percent per annum on the first \$1,500.00 and allows 18 percent on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from statutory due date until actual payment. She stated an additional penalty of 6 percent will be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that remain unpaid at the end of the 2019 calendar year.

President deJong opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, commented everything is a percent; how much are they talking about, all of these things have to have numbers.

Joanne Bergin responded she can give him all the backup and he can let her know if he has any questions.

There were no further comments from the audience.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

2018 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,201,918.04

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 Halloran and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to adopt the following Resolution.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

2018 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$11,531,763.44

President deJong opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

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

There were no comments from the audience.

President deJong closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Councilwoman Zapcic congratulated Ken Somers and MaryAnn Jusinski and had the pleasure of working with MaryAnn as a coworker. She left a New Year's reflection, a poem by Dallas Clayton.

Councilman Halloran thanked everyone for their support during the last week.

Vice President Crate congratulated the retirees.

Councilman Mummolo congratulated MaryAnn Jusinski; Ken Somers a great job and we will miss you.

President deJong congratulated MaryAnn and Ken and announced a new Buy in Brick business.

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Vice President Crate to Adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Heather deJong
Council President

Jessica Larney
Assistant Municipal Clerk