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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

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

Also Present

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

Absent

Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero

Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in Asbury Park Press and The Ocean Star on February 8, 2019. 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 February 2019.

Motion by Vice President Crate and seconded by Councilman Mummolo to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 22, 2019 meeting and approve the same.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Brick Memorial High School Band

Mayor Ducey and Vice President Crate recognized Brick Memorial High School Band. Mayor Ducey said the Brick Township Memorial High School Mustangs Marching Band has established itself as one of the premier high school marching bands at the Jersey Shore and in the State of New Jersey. He said this past season, the Marching Mustangs captured first place at the Northern NJ/NY Metro Area Region Competition, first place at the Atlantic Coast Championship and as a finalist at the Band of America Mid Atlantic Competition. He presented and proclaimed Thursday, March 14, 2019 to be Brick Township Memorial High School Marching Mustangs Day.

Vice President Crate named and presented certificates to the Band.

Brick Township High School Girls Soccer Team

Mayor Ducey and Councilwoman deJong recognized the Brick Township High School Girls Soccer Team. Mayor Ducey said Brick Township has a storied history of success and excellence in a variety of interscholastic sports including football, hockey, wrestling, bowling and soccer. He said this past season the Brick Township High School Dragons Girls Varsity Soccer Team continued that tradition by having an outstanding season that culminated in the team's first Central Jersey Group III title since 1996 by winning the Central Jersey Group III Sectional Title on November 10, 2018. He presented and proclaimed Wednesday, March 13, 2019 to be Brick Township High School Dragons Girls Varsity Soccer Team Day.

Councilwoman deJong named and presented certificates to the Soccer Team.

Budget Presentation: Administration

Joanne Bergin explained the following budgets:

Administration: Administration staff includes six full-time employees and Administration is the front line for all in-person and telephone inquiries that come to the Township. She said as an example for 2018, the staff handled 34,890 telephone calls. They also track and ensure follow-up on all email inquiries that come through the web site. In 2018, they handled 37,900 cases through our Citizen Relationship Management system. She said Public relations, marketing and special events are also handled by Administration including monitoring and updating of

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Township's website and social media sites including Facebook and Twitter; preparation and dissemination of press releases; and oversight of Brick Township's PEG Channel, BTV. She advised they have won several awards for our efforts to keep the public informed. She advised their work includes creating and posting bulletin board slides and preparing and posting all content; creating advertisements and promotional materials for various departments; preparing and disseminating email updates from the Township; photography at Township events; and the continued implementation of seamless document program for on-line forms. She said the staff also manages the Buy In Brick Program, which continues to grow and benefit our taxpayers and noted they now have 68 businesses enrolled in the program, up 11 from 2017 (including attrition, businesses that have closed and or dropped out of program). She said the Buy in Brick has over 5,872 households registered and over 9,000 individuals registered. She advised in 2018 Buy in Brick Sales transactions were \$20,097.00 up 2,790 from 2017 and in 2018 Buy in Brick Sales (dollars processed) were \$1,141,187, which is up \$284,957.00 from 2017. In 2018, resident tax savings was \$62,909.00, which is up \$5,812.00 from 2017. That is an increase of over 10 percent. She noted Administrative staff also assists in events such as the Green Fair. She said Administration also manages constituent relations and publications such as advertisements, promotional materials, recycling brochures, event flyers, and any other publications as needed. She said they also manages the design and creation of the Recreation Brochure and Senior Booklet, reducing the overall cost by bringing this work in-house. Administration staff also provides support to municipal Boards and Commissions.

Mayor & Council: The Office of the Mayor includes our Mayor and two full-time staff members. Mayor Ducey maintains office hours each week and his active schedule includes regular meetings with groups and organizations within town and he hosts many initiatives to engage the public, such as the tremendously popular Facebook Live and regular attendance at Council meetings. She said The Mayor's Teen Advisory Committee continues to engage young adults in activities and through Lounge 270, a place for teens to connect with peers and mentors in a safe, positive environment. He continues to meet regularly with the Senior Advisory Committee and readily accepts all invitations to speak at older adult communities, social service organizations, schools, businesses and wherever else he is invited. He promotes the town's interests and advocates for our needs at the State and Federal level. The Mayor participates in the Ocean County Mayor's Association, the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Conference of Mayors. She advised the salary and wage budget for the Mayor's Office increased slightly and operating expenses are flat from the previous year. She said in terms of the Council's budget, the salary and wage budget remains flat with a decrease in the operating budget. She stated council members are very active in strategic planning and have working subcommittees including Redevelopment, Recreation, Land Use, Public Works, Public Safety, and Business & Finance and They regularly attend community events and represent the Township at a variety of events and activities.

Purchasing: It is the responsibility of the Division of Purchasing and Contracting to conduct all purchasing, the acquisition of all goods and or services, in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law. She said the Purchasing department's salary and wage budget has decreased and the operating budget for 2019 has a 1 percent increase specific to office materials and supplies. She said in 2018, the Purchasing Department processed approximately 5300 Purchase Orders, 42 Bids for Goods & Services, 29 Professional Services RFPs, 14 Capital Project Bids, 5 National Cooperative Contracts, 52 Formal Requests for Quotes and 6 Auctions (Computer Equipment, Office Furniture, Postage Machine, Public Works Vehicles, Forfeiture Vehicles, Solar Renewable Energy Certificates) and these tasks are accomplished by a staff of five. Purchasing also oversees the central receiving/mail room. In 2018, the mail clerk processed over 91,300 pieces of mail, plus delivery to Post Office for bulk mail projects (newsletter, delinquent notices, etc.) The mailroom clerk delivers mail, packages and supplies throughout the complex and all off-site locations, manages the central receiving and stockroom. She advised postage encompasses almost 92% of the Purchasing Budget and includes postage for all departments' and divisions' outgoing mail, mailing of property tax bills (Homestead Benefit adjusted bills for second quarter, estimated third quarter, final tax bills and added/omitted assessment tax bills), delinquent tax notices mailed after each quarter, Tax Sale notices, Post-Tax Year Income Statements, Chapter 75 (tax assessment notification), Township newsletter, certified and registered mail, regular, priority and overnight postage. She said three staff members are certified in the area of Public Procurement through Rutgers educational program. One member is currently enrolled in the same program and will finish the series of classes this year. Certifications are required to be maintained through continuing education by attending conferences and seminars. One new member of the staff will be starting the program in May. She noted this office purchases and stocks frequently requested office materials and

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supplies requested by all departments.

Human Resources: The HR department is comprised of six full-time employees – manages all Township employees: currently 422 full-time and 140 part-time/seasonal. During the summer months, they coordinate all hiring and employee management for the approximately 140 additional employees. They create and institute HR policies and maintain compliance with State and Federal laws.

The salary & wage budget increased by 11 percent with a 3 percent increase in the operating budget specifically doctor's fees for new hire physicals, psychological exams, fit for duty exams, CDL physicals, random drug screenings, post-accident testing and the Employee Assistance Program. She said HR handles employee training including safety, the Employee Assistance Program and other workplace trainings. She advised all health benefits are handled by human resources. They coordinate with our brokers for contract proposals, renewals, rate changes, fee submissions and compliance with federal guidelines. They handle required reporting as well as resolve claims issues, they process all liability claims with our insurance company and ensure compliance with safety regulations and vendor insurance. She said highlights and accomplishments from 2018 include: biannual claims reviews, facilitate change to retiree prescription plan, contract negotiations, retirement preparation training, updates and revisions to the Employee Handbook, bi-annual health fair, blood drive, and the launching of several wellness initiatives including team activity challenges and several fitness challenges. Specific projects for 2019 include continued negotiations, HR data consolidation, supervisor training, anti-harassment training, updating the Safety manual, implement exit interviews and develop a new employee orientation.

Township Clerk: The Clerk's Office is comprised of six staff members, two of whom hold Registered Municipal Clerk and Certified Municipal Registrars certifications and two additional staff members received their Certified Municipal Registrar certification this year and every staff member is a Notary Public. One staff member is fluent in English and Spanish. The Division of Archives has a staff of three full-time employees, an Archivist who holds state and federal records management certifications and two clerks. She advised the Township Clerk's office issues various licensing and brought in \$494,973.60 in 2018 and Vital Statistics which includes all records of births, deaths and marriages brought in \$56,221.00. She said the operating budget for the Clerk's Office totals \$46,351.00 down 5 percent from what was appropriated last year. Expert Services is one the largest line items. The Archivist would like to take on another major back file imaging project this year, specifically payroll records because they do not have the resources to do this project in house and they have secured a contract with Ricoh USA (who is in U.S. Communities National Cooperative Program). She noted Advertising and Codification of the Township Code is also a significant part of the budget.

Finance: The finance department consists of five full-time employees, one of whom is dedicated to payroll. The salary and wage budget decreased and our operating budget increased slightly in the office materials line item. The Finance Department signs all purchase orders (5,314 created in 2018) and checks. She said the staff creates the Current (Temporary and Adopted) and Capital Fund Budgets, posts budget at the beginning of the year and does all transfers and close out procedures at year end, creating all pertinent resolutions to process those accordingly. They also tie general ledger appropriations and reserves to budget reports, balance all Inter-Funds, keep a Cash Flow Analysis monthly and tie all cash receipts and disbursements in entry excel books to posted reports and they also send out the W9's and the W2's at year end. The Finance Department keeps a Township Fixed Asset Inventory that is added to or deleted from as needed. They create cancel resolutions for grants, create Chapter 159's as needed and enters all new grants into Edmunds and noted at this time there are 40 open grants. She advised the CFO analyzes monies in our Capital Budget to keep track of when a BAN sale is needed and when needed to roll into Bonds, creates Supplemental Debt Statements, creates cancel resolutions when needed, inputs capital charge-backs, creates and signs all Certificates of Availability of Funds and enters all new Capital Ordinances into Edmunds. At this time there are 32 open Ordinances. She said they perform 41 Bank Reconciliations monthly; analyze approximately 900 Open Escrow accounts; analyze 172 Electric Accounts, 55 Water/Sewer Accounts, 24 Natural Gas Accounts and 28 Telecommunication Accounts monthly. They complete all aspects of Payroll Processing: printing and stuffing of checks, implement payroll into Edmunds, make changes to Employees files that will need to be reflected in salary/wage such as (yearly increase, longevity, steps, etc.), health care contribution, pensions, direct deposit information, court subpoenaed garnishments etc. She said thanks to their hard work, the Township was able to maintain its Moody's Financial Services Aa2 rating on all of its bond (long term financing) issues during 2018 based upon its financial strength and fiscal practices,

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as well as a MIG 1 rating on its notes (short term financing) which is the highest rating offered by Moody's. She added the Township received an increase in its bond rating from Standard & Poor's to a AA and this allows the Township to borrow and issue its debt at the best possible rates which saves the taxpayers interest costs year in and year out while addressing the capital needs of the Township to maintain infrastructure and maintain service levels to its residents.

Data Processing (IT): The IT department's staff of six full-time employees supports: More than 90 servers (37 physical, 56 virtual), 482 PC's, Laptops & Tablets, 75 PDAs (smartphones), Almost 250 printers including the eTicket printers in Police Vehicles, More than 30 scanners and copiers, 123 Security cameras at 18 different locations with 2 more parks and 14 additional cameras being added before the summer. 5 high availability environments: The current Police dispatch system consists of 2 clustered environments: the production servers and the disaster recovery servers in the Emergency Shed, Currently setting up the new production and disaster recovery servers for the upgrade to the Police Dispatch system happening in September of this year, Township CRM/RFA system, Phone System for Town Hall, Township Hyper-V servers. This clustered environment runs 19 servers including Email, CRM, Edmunds, Police Body Cameras, Township Websites, Print Server and File Servers just to name a few.

The salary and wage budget increased 5.5 percent based on actual expenditures related to overtime and the operating budget decreased by 1 percent. She said the Township has more than 40 systems used by the different Departments at Town Hall. The IT department completes software updates on all Township Servers and keeps all desktop computers current with a 5-year replacement schedule. We are currently in the process of upgrading our Email and CRM systems to the latest versions. The IT Department is also in the process of installing security cameras at Bernie Cooke and Hank Waltonowski Park as well as additional cameras at Town Hall and the Drum Point Sports Complex. On a regular basis the IT Department adds functionality to our in-house CRM/RFA (Citizen Relationship Management/Request For Action) system which is exclusive to Brick Township and exceeds the abilities of every other program we've reviewed. She advised projects completed in 2018: Complete network overhaul – all network switches at Town Hall, DPW, Seniors and Recreation replaced, Security Cameras setup at two neighborhood parks, Replaced 911 System, Replaced Anti-Virus Software on all Township computers, Replaced Spam Filtering software for all Township Email, Setup new monitoring website for Township Solar and Wind generating stations, Replaced UPS units that power Dispatch and Police IT Server Room, Replaced Electronic Ticketing System in Police Cars (Brazos), Replaced Firewall, Installed & Setup Body Worn Camera System.

Marina Resource Building: Installed cameras, Installed Wi-Fi, Installed TV.

Tax Collector and Tax Assessor: The Tax Office duties and responsibilities are directed pursuant to State Statutes, specifically Title 54. The levy for 2018 was in excess of \$233 million with a higher than 98 percent of collection. The salary and wage line item had decreased due to the retirement of two long time staff members and the transfer of another. The Operating/Expense budget request totals \$44,250.00 down from \$47,000.00 in 2018. This is the 4th year of decreases in expenditures. She said costs have also been reduced in the advertising line item due to a decrease in the number of items being advertised for tax sale and a reduction in newspaper charges. She said during 2018, the Tax Collector's Office collected more than \$226 million in payments through the office, \$127 million in checks, \$96.7 million in electronic payments and more than \$2 million in cash payments. In addition to regular collections, we sent out nearly 15,000 delinquent notices, completed more than 2,900 Senior Tax Freeze applications, handled more than 23,000 phone calls and processed nearly \$934,000 in tax appeals, collected nearly \$20,000.00 in property maintenance fees, recouped \$91,000.00 in demolition costs and sold 743 garbage and recycling cans. They completed an In Rem foreclosure and were audited successfully by the state for deductions. She advised the largest expense in this budget is printing, which is unchanged from last year and includes budgeting for the printing of Adjusted Homestead Benefit credit, estimated 3rd quarter, final, regular, and added assessment bills. She said the next notable expense is for advertisements which have been reduced slightly for Tax Sale, assignment and foreclosure ads. All other operational costs have remained relatively flat. She said the Tax Assessor's Office, with a staff of eight, oversees almost 32,000 residential and 800 commercial properties with a total assessed value of over \$10 billion dollars. Last year they placed more than \$68 million dollars of added assessed value on our tax list. Part of their responsibilities includes not only maintaining a record of the specifics about a property, but also monitoring any deed recordings to ensure that any changes in ownership are made in our public record. Implementing any changes to the tax maps is also the duty of the Tax Assessor's office.

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Brick Township has almost 3,400 residents receiving Senior Citizen or Veteran property tax deductions which they also manage on behalf of the Division of Taxation on a yearly basis. She said the salary and wage budget for the Tax Assessor budget decreased 6.8 percent and the operating budget remained flat.

Seniors: The Brick Senior Center provides services to a growing population of older adults and their families within our community. The staff at the Senior Center offers a vast number of programs to encourage a healthy lifestyle, independence and provide information and referrals to social service programs that may have a positive impact on their lives. She said the Brick Senior Services and Senior Center is located offsite at the VFW building on Adamston Road. According to the current data from the Census bureau, 19.7 percent of the population in Brick Township is age 65 or older. In 2018, Brick Seniors provided services to over 3,500 seniors and family caregivers, delivered approximately 1700 counseling hours (*either in their homes or in our office*) to 500 older adults and provided approximately 43,000 units of service in all categories. She said the office consists of six staff members. She advised the salary and wage budget increased 8.6 percent and the operating budget increased 1.09 percent. She said in 2018, they provided services to over 3,500 seniors and family caregivers and provided services to 340 family caregivers, delivered approximately 1,700 counseling hours either in their homes or in the office to over 500 older adults and provided information and assistance to 2,600 seniors. Additionally, 1,730 seniors attended various activities and programs. The staff provided 198 medical transportation trips to 15 seniors, made 6,071 wellness calls to 47 homebound seniors and provided follow-up reevaluations to 200 elderly homebound residents receiving Meals on Wheels. She said the staff handled 10,443 calls and provided approximately 43,000 units of service in all categories. She advised the Brick Senior Services received \$135,100.00 in Title IIIB and IIIE grant funding from the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders. She noted mid-year, the Township received an additional \$20,000.00 in IIIB grant funding for the Senior Outreach Program and an additional \$7,500.00 towards the National Caregiver Support Program bringing the total award for 2018 to \$162,600.00. In addition, in 2018 they received \$17,884.36 in donations - these funds are used to offset the costs involved in running this department.

Municipal Court: The Brick Municipal Court is the 2nd largest of the 33 Municipal Courts in Ocean County and the annual filings for 2018 were 14,205. This number consists of filings not only from Brick Police, but also State Police, the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Weights and Measures, Marine Police, the SPCA, Animal Control Officers, Code Enforcement Officers, Zoning Officers, Building Officials and citizens for any incident occurring in Brick Township. She said court sessions are held the 3rd and 4th Mondays at 9 am, every Wednesday at 9 am and every Thursday at 4 pm and additionally, once a month there is a court session specific to Property Maintenance violations issued by our Township Code Enforcement Officers. She said in 2019 they project holding 140 court sessions - this total includes 10 Mediation sessions & 10 Code Enforcement Violation sessions. She said the staff consists of a Court Administrator, two deputy court administrators and seven additional staff members along with the Municipal Court Judge. The court's salary and wage budget decreased 2.8 percent as a result of continued reduction in overtime costs and the operating budget increased by \$5,000.00, largely due to offsetting the cost of courses to enable staff to become certified interpreters with the Judicial System which will decrease the Expert Services line item once the certifications are acquired.

Ken Mathis – Department of Public Works

Ken Mathis said the Sanitation Department makes more than 2.7 million stops per year, driving over 600 thousand miles, to residents' homes. In 2018 they collected 34,613 tons of solid waste and 4,513 tons of bulk, which is up over 1,000 tons from last year in large part due to the massive debris cleanup required after the August rain event. He said the crews worked daily to clear the debris in Greenbriar and other neighborhoods assisting as much as possible after the devastation of that event. He said along with all the drainage repairs and replacements, they Utility Crew did an outstanding job getting the beaches ready for the 2018 season. He advised the skid steer purchased in the 2018 capital allowed the crews to prep the beaches more efficiently which is especially important when considering the size of the beach now that the replenishment project is complete. The crew is using the new crack sealer and they finished the streets in one older adult community and plan on doing more streets this spring. They are also using the asphalt recycler purchased in 2018 capital. He said in three weeks they saved an estimated \$7,000.00 on cold patch materials because they are now making our own by reusing old asphalt. This equipment allows for much more efficiency when filling potholes. The repair

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work lasts a lot longer and requires much less continued maintenance. He said the Utility Crew appreciates the Council's support of the capital budget for these pieces of equipment which will allow them to make repairs without the need for an outside contractor. They can do the work faster and more efficiently thanks to the purchase of this equipment. He said In-house Construction does a variety of projects at township-owned properties throughout town. A snapshot of projects completed in 2018 includes: the installation of new bathroom partitions at Drum Point Sports Complex football building, Drum Point Sports Complex soccer building, and both sets of Windward Beach buildings; design and build new lifeguard stands with transport wheel assemblies for beaches; design and build Polar Express train, Train Track signs, and various other holiday items; install new Airport Tract and Gravelly Graveyard signs; build new Summerfest archway; winterization and de-winterization of all parks and beach facilities at the beginning and end of each season; paint Ocean Beach III and Drum Point Sports Complex bathrooms before openings; install of new toilets at various locations; install multiple new interior doors at various township-owned buildings; install 15 new exterior doors at Civic Plaza; and complete building board-ups for code and construction departments. He advised the 2019 Projects-to-Date include the administration kitchen expansion; Police Department briefing room renovation; design and build the body camera rack cabinet and laptop cabinet; and the construction of a kitchenette at DPW. In the coming months, the crew will facilitate the PD Detective Bureau Renovations doing that project in-house. He said in 2018 they completed two major projects: the construction of the vehicle canopies at DPW for our fleet. He said keeping them protected from the weather not only adds to their useful life, it allows for more efficiency on a daily basis. A storage building was constructed at Drum Point Sports Complex for the parks equipment as well. He advised the 2019 capital requests includes two automated garbage trucks, two rear loaders (for leaf pick up and sanitation), one single axle dump truck with salters & plows, a broom for the Bobcat so that the road department can collect paving debris and millings; a drainage check valve system that includes pipe installation to prevent backflow into the street; retrofits for storm drains which is becoming essential with all the localized flooding; hand tools for the utility crew; a 6-inch well point system which is a dewatering system to help drain areas to allow for the area to dry as needed for repairs; a bucket truck for tree work and sign installation; and an air compressor for the parks new building. He gave an update on Recycling Information: January - June 2018: single stream recycling – \$4,531.91, July - December 2018: single stream recycling – \$4,645.26, Total single stream – a \$9,177.17 increase from 2017, Overall recycling (all commodities) for 2018 increase of 11.53 percent, Metal revenue - 2018: \$99,144.45, an increase of \$21,786.05 from 2017.

He said they are purchasing single stream recycling stickers for all residential cans and new single stream recycling stickers for dumpsters. Also, they are currently working with condo associations on recycling compliance and education. The Recycling Coordinator is researching a tracking system for the recycling drop off center at "The Hill" and the brush recycling drop off and they are continuing to send letters to residents whose recycling containers contain non-recyclable items. The goal is to educate as many people as possible on the benefits of recycling. He said the Roads operating budget decreased 4.5 percent due to decreased expenditures in rental equipment and cost adjustments for the snow removal mobile communication/tracker system and the Solid Waste salary and wage budget includes all sanitation and utility crew and that budget decreased 5.3 percent thanks to continued efforts to reduce overtime. The operating budget decreased 9.9 percent after reviewing and adjusting several line items based on actual expenditures. He said Buildings and Grounds includes 11 staff members including our full-time electrician and noted the department's overall budget increased 6.4 percent. He said Vehicle Maintenance includes 11 exceptional mechanics who service more than 188 vehicles in the DPW fleet including trailers, bulldozers, sanitation, dump trucks and plows; as well as 40 additional vehicles in the fleet at Town Hall and 167 pieces of Police department equipment including patrol cars, trailers and boats and ambulances. He advised the tow truck purchased in 2017 has been providing an essential cost-saving service by allowing the mechanics to collect vehicles in need of disrepair.

Rob Byrnes – Parks Department.

Rob Byrnes said Parks is a Division under the Department of Public Works and has 17 full-time employees that oversee the Township parks and sports fields and also the grounds at Township facilities. He said there are 20 parks that our employees maintain including 10 Basketball courts, eight tennis courts, three bocce courts, three horseshoe pits, three football fields, 15 soccer fields, six miles of bike trails, and 22 softball & baseball fields. He said this past year Bernie Cooke Park was under renovation and they look forward to a grand opening this spring. He said they also maintain the sports fields including the 40-acre sports complex at Drum Point. This complex is constantly recognized as one of the best in the state. Our efforts to maintain these

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recreation areas and maximize their useful life will be greatly enhanced thanks to the Township's efforts to secure a Water Allocation Permit from the NJDEP. This allows us to property irrigate these areas. He said the capital budget request for 2019 includes a \$525,000.00 line item for the replacement of the synthetic fields at Drum Point Sports Complex. He said the field was 12 years old in August and the warranty ended after the 8th year. He said The Salary and Wage and operating budgets both decreased slightly this year based on continued efforts to manage more in-house and the support we receive in terms of the necessary equipment needed. He advised they currently manage 392 irrigation zones with 2,025 sprinkler heads and there are 147 acres of maintainable grass fields maintained by parks. There are also many intersections, roadsides, and detention basins maintained by the parks department and they also maintain all Township owned properties such as Town Hall, Civic Center, and the Bob Anstett Cultural Arts Center. He said one of our most time-consuming tasks is the annual fall and spring leaf collection which takes 10 weeks – starting at the end of October until the second week in January. Then they immediately move into Christmas tree collection for three weeks. Spring leaf collection begins in April for three weeks. Throughout the year they pick-up brush and leaves, deliver and repair township issued automated cans and complete tax liens issued by the township code enforcement. He said outside of the daily maintenance they also oversee the Lake Management, Fertilization Program, Solar Field Maintenance and Synthetic Field Cleaning. The department is also responsible for set up and breakdown of all events at Civic Center and Senior Center along with Summerfest, Trunk or Treat and other recreational events. He said the department continues to take on more responsibilities as they move forward in renovating the parks. He said they look forward to that challenge and will continue to work hard in keeping them safe and enjoyable for all of Brick.

Councilman Fozman asked for clarifications on the salary/wage increases for various departments; he asked for an explanation on the 2019 Capital Budget request for replacement of the synthetic fields at Drum Point Sports Complex; questioned the lake management and solar field maintenance.

Joanne Bergin gave him an explanation on the salary/wage increases for the various departments and Ken Mathis explained the situation at the synthetic fields and advised they oversee the maintenance at the solar field.

President Zapcic opened the public hearing on the Budget Presentations.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, questioned the kind of software the Township uses; he stated his displeasure with the Lakewood car dealership being part of the Buy in Brick Program; he complimented the DPW workers.

President Zapcic replied "Windows".

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, stated her displeasure with the OPRA process; questioned if the budget presentations are required to be heard in public; she spoke of having private garbage pickup.

Kevin Starkey responded the budget presentations are not required to be heard in public; he advised what is required is the Introduction of the Budget and a public hearing on the Adoption of the Budget.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, asked for clarifications on salary/wage increases for the various departments; he spoke about the solid waste salaries decreasing.

Joanne Bergin gave him an explanation of the salary increases in the various departments.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Zapcic closed the public hearing on the budget presentations.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

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Recognize Patrolman Kristopher DeMarco Officer of the Year Award Recipient

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution recognizes Patrolman Daniel Fogarty as the recipient of the Patrolman Kristopher DeMarco Officer of the Year Award. She said Officer Fogarty has been a dedicated member of the Brick Township Police Department since 2003 and, along with his K-9 partner Rigby, is an active member of the K-9 unit. He is also an instructor in ice rescue and a certified EMT. Officer Fogarty has served with the United States Coast Guard since 1999, currently at the rank of Boatswain's Mate First Class and he regularly uses his experience to provide training and support for the Brick Township Police Department's Marine Unit. She said every year the Brick Township Police Benevolent Association Local 230 bestows this award to an officer who works and lives in the unique spirit of Patrolman Kristopher DeMarco: one of brotherhood, commitment to the safety of the residents of Brick Township, and dedication to friends, family and community.

Recognize Lt. Thomas McNelis Award Recipient

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution recognizes Sergeant Jason Matthews as the recipient of the Lt. Thomas McNelis Award recipient. She said Sgt. Matthews has been a dedicated member of the Brick Township Police Department since 2003 after having served as a special police officer for three years. He was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant in December 2012. Sgt. Matthews' abilities as a skilled supervisor were called on numerous times during several high risk incidents which he helped to bring to a successful outcome including encounters with armed subjects, incidents in which gun shots were fired and large scale disturbances. Sgt. Matthews is a long-time member and leader of the Brick Township Police Department SERT Team, the Marine Unit Commander, and a highly trusted supervisor who exemplified the attributes that represent the McNelis Award. She said every year, the Brick Township Police Benevolent Association bestows the Lt. Thomas McNelis Award to a member of the Brick Township Police Department in a supervisory or specialty role who has brought public acclaim to his or herself, the Department or the law enforcement profession.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Manufacture & Printing of Tax Bills

Joanne Bergin stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the manufacture and printing of tax bills. She said the current contract awarded to Vital Communications will expire on April 11, 2019. She advised the Township had an approximate expenditure of \$23,100.00 for the current one-year contract period and the services included printing of Estimated Tax Bills for the third quarter of 2018; printing of the 2018 Final/2019 preliminary Tax Bills and printing of Post-Tax Year Statements in January 2019.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Purchase & Delivery of a 150' Steel Mono-Pole for Police Communications

Councilman Halloran stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the purchase and delivery of a 150' tall steel monopole that will be installed at Drum Point Sports Complex as approved by the Township's Planning Board. He said the plan is to go out to bid separately for the construction once they receive the results from boring samples taken to provide us with the base specification needed to appropriate bid the construction. He said the current emergency response communication system was designed in 2004-2005, prior to the narrow banding mandate in 2012 that mandate resulted in a 50 percent decrease of the coverage area so they have inadequate coverage east of Mantoloking Road including the Barrier Island. He advised this new pole will allow the Township to saturate the coverage throughout town and beyond into communities that provide mutual aid.

Authorize Donation of Miscellaneous Toro Parts to County of Ocean

Vice President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the donation of surplus property to the County of Ocean. She advised the Public Works Department currently owns miscellaneous Toro equipment parts which are no longer needed for public use and the County has expressed an interest in acquiring this equipment for their Parks Department. She said the surplus property are parts for a specific Toro mower that the Township no longer has in its possession or plans to acquire in the near future as it is no longer being manufactured and noted the County still has this specific mower and will take the surplus parts for the sum of \$1.00.

Authorize Donation of Surplus Items & Acceptance of Donation from Township of Toms River

Vice President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the donation of surplus supplies to the Township of Toms River and the acceptance of a donation from the Township. She advised the

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Public Works Department has a Dakota 440 top dresser that is no longer in use and Bay Lea Golf Municipal Golf Course, owned and operated by Toms River Township, has a useful need for this equipment. She said the Golf Course has a Jacobsen 548 slice seeder tractor attachment that is no longer being used and this resolution is requesting a trade thereby benefitting both municipalities.

Authorize Change Order No. #1 & #2 – Police Department Locker Room Renovations

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes Change Order #1 and #2 for the Alterations to the Brick Township Police Department Locker Room Project. She said the first change order provides for two 4” precast concrete lintels in lieu of the steel lintels shown on the contract plans and this change was necessitated as the construction was underway and was not anticipated. She said the second change order authorizes an increase in the amount of \$3,488.35 to allow for the need to replace the two existing entrance doors. She said the original plans call for using the existing doors but that is not possible. She advised the total increased cost to furnish two new custom wood doors is \$3,488.35.

Authorize Rejection of Bids and Authorize Re-Bid - Department of Public Works Emergency Diesel Generator

Joanne Bergin stated this resolution authorizes the rejection of bids for the DPW Diesel Generator Project and authorization to re-bid. She said on February 26th the Township received bids for this project and advised notices were sent to 16 potential bidders of which 9 contractors responded and two bids were received: VPV Electrical with a base bid of \$439,725.00 and Meridian Property Systems with a base bid of \$467,433.00. She advised both bids far exceed the amount earmarked for this project. She explained the original scope included refurbishing a diesel generator provided via donation from the U.S Army, however, the cost to refurbish an older diesel generator far exceeds the cost to acquire a brand new generator and this resolution allows us to re-advertise the project based on the acquisition of a new generator which is expected to cut the project cost in half.

Authorize Receipt of Bids and Authorize Re-Bid for Various CDBG Rehabilitation Projects

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for 4 single-family residential rehabilitation projects as funded through the Community Development Block Grant program. She advised in December, the Township solicited bids for two of these projects and received no responses. Since then, they have acquired lists of qualified HUD contractors from Toms River and the County of Ocean. She said this expands the list of potential contractors and they hope to receive more responses in this advertisement.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Demolish the Structures & Secure Property located at:

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the demolition of these properties in accordance with an order from the Township’s Property Maintenance Board:

- **Block 44.11 Lot 26 – 308 Sloop Ln**
- **Block 45.05 Lot 51 – 221 Squan Beach Dr**
- **Block 253.15 Lot 11 – 30 Halsey Dr**
- **Block 645.01 Lot 112 – 314 Alden St**
- **Block 1399.24 Lot 95 – 506 Nebraska Ave**

Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement between Township of Brick and BTMUA

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Brick and the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority for the replacement of the undersized water main on Dennis Drive and the Sullivan Road Interconnect on Lorraine Place. He explained in this agreement, the Township will undertake the water main replacement on Dennis Drive in conjunction with the Township’s roadway improvements to Dennis Drive project with the cost of the water main replacement paid by the MUA. He said the Township has design plans and funds in place for the paving as it is considered a high priority project based on the condition of the roadway and noted it makes sense to partner with the MUA to replace the undersized water mains prior to the roadway reconstruction.

Authorize Special Events Permit – Emma Havens Young PTA Color Run

President Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes a special event permit for Emma Havens

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Young School PTA's request for a Color Run Event from 4 to 6 pm Tuesday, May 28th at the Drum Point Sports Complex.

Authorize Special Events Permit – Battle at the Beach Lacrosse Tournament

President Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes a special event permit for the Battle at the Beach Youth Lacrosse Tournament from 8 am to 6 pm Saturday, June 29th at Drum Point Sports Complex.

Authorize Appointment of Commissioners to the Housing Authority

Councilman Halloran stated this resolution authorizes the appointments to the Brick Township Housing Authority: Richard Dyer to a five-year term expiring March 14, 2024 and Beth Oliver for the unexpired term expiring on March 14, 2023.

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

- Inspection Fund Release – Cynthia Ann Kowalski – Route 35 North in the amount of \$405.41.
- Inspection Fund Release – Riviera Beach Boat Club – Herbertsville Road in the amount of \$63.28.

Authorize Denial of Partial Release of Performance Guarantees- New Visions Phase 4.

President Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the denial for a partial release of the performance guarantees for Nobility Crest/New Visions Phase 4. She advised at the request of the applicant, the Township Engineering Department conducted an inspection of site improvements to ascertain the status of improvements by the Performance Guarantees. She advised the Brick Township ordinance requires as-built drawing be submitted before the guaranty is considered for release. She said as each partial release is applied for, as-built drawings of the bonded improvements shall be submitted to the Township Engineer. She advised the as-built plans have not been submitted and therefore, no partial release can be approved.

Authorize Denial of Partial Release of Performance Guarantees- New Visions Phase 5.

President Zapcic stated this resolution also authorizes the denial for a partial release of the performance guarantees for Nobility Crest/New Visions Phase 5. She advised at the request of the applicant, the Township Engineering Department conducted an inspection of site improvements to ascertain the status of improvements by the Performance Guarantees. She advised the Brick Township ordinance requires as-built drawing be submitted before the guaranty is considered for release. She said as each partial release is applied for, as-built drawings of the bonded improvements shall be submitted to the Township Engineer. She advised the as-built plans have not been submitted and therefore, no partial release can be approved.

Tax Collector:

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- Tax Overpayments – 2019. There are two: 182 Courtshire Drive, Block 382.38 lot 21, in the amount of \$671.06; and 619 Monticello Drive, Block 167 Lot 1 in the amount of \$1445.07.
- Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates. There are 2: 1861 Route 88, Block 869 Lot 6 and 1855 Route 88, Block 869 Lot 26.
- State Tax Appeal Granted – Block 119 Lot 39 – 28 Bretonian Drive in the amount of \$623.25.

Authorize Waiver of the Noise Ordinance – Weidener Construction Utility Work

Vice President Crate stated this resolution authorizes a waiver of the Township Noise Ordinance at the White Castle Restaurant located at 2778 Hooper Avenue. She advised the contractor has requested permission to complete utility work during 7pm to 7am for up to three nights between March 18 and March 29, 2019.

Councilman Fozman stated his displeasure with re-bidding of the public works emergency diesel generator and spoke of the various fees associated with this process.

Joanne Bergin pointed out they did not send the bids over to attorney for review so there are no

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fees associated with this and the resolution was done in-house.

President Zapcic opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Walter Murawinski, Esq., representing Mrs. Aynilian owner of the 308 Sloop Lane property, explained that the Mrs. Aynilian has given her husband power of attorney to represent her in upcoming proceedings.

Representative for the Mortgagee - 221 Squan Beach Drive, objected to the demolition of the mortgage premises; she advised once they received ownership they will work with Brick Township to make sure all repairs are taken care of.

Kevin Starkey said there have been two hearings of the Property Maintenance Board and explained the bid process that this would have to be brought back to the Township Council to award a bid if it came to that and then it would go back to the Board and advised whoever owns interest in these properties should attend the next Board Meeting on April 17th.

Jim, advised he is representing the 314 Alden Street Property and has been acquired by Nation Star Mortgage and all of the issues will be rectified and advised they object to the demolition of this property and once all the work is completed he hopes this order will be withdrawn.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, stated her concerns with some of the items should not be considered in the Consent Agenda; she stated her displeasure with the authority the Property Maintenance Board has to demolish properties; she asked for more information of the members that were chosen to be appointed to the Housing Authority.

Councilman Halloran advised with the Housing Authority they chose the best qualified person.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, stated his pleasure with the council acting on the demolition of properties in general; he questioned how these properties are going to be secured, if taxes were paid and when and if the Township can actually take ownership these properties – sell them, etc.

Joanne Bergin advised she serves on the Property Maintenance Board and explained in detail the process of securing the property; she advised this process is necessary to keep action going forward so the property is addressed by the rightful owner; she advised taxes are being paid.

Kathryn Huk, 28 Lagoon Dr. W, questioned if the demolition of these properties includes bulkheads; she spoke about the bulkhead issue in her neighborhood and asked how to address this issue.

Joanne Bergin advised no, but they do have a program separate from the Property Maintenance Board where engineering will go out if it is something they have to go through the same level of notice and outreach and property notification to whoever may have some sort of ownership stake in that property about the bulkhead to be heard before they spend public dollars on; she said with the bulkhead they look at the immediate properties and the risk of them declining into the waterway because of the failing bulkhead not necessary what is happening in the waterways because of the bulkhead and advised it is technically the State of New Jersey.

Councilman Fozman asked is the list of abandoned homes available to public; he questioned the Housing Authority appointments.

Joanne Bergin responded yes it is available to the public.

Mayor Ducey advised with the Housing Authority appointments one commissioner move out of Brick and the other was a re-appointment.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Zapcic closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Councilman Fozman asked questions on several of the bill items for clarification and

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explanations.

Joanne Bergin gave him an explanation on each bill item.

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

There were no comments from the audience.

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

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

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

2019 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$985,138.81

President Zapcic opened the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution

There were no comments from the audience.

President Zapcic 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.

2019 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,814,185.72

Ordinance on First Reading: Amend Chapter 245-313C – Signs

Clerk Iannarone read the title of the Ordinance into the Record.

Councilman Mummolo explained the sunset provision in Township ordinance regulating the use of flags, streamers and no more than two feather flags expired on December 31, 2018. The general regulations state that the use of flags, streamers and no more than two feather flags (with a maximum height of ten feet) is prohibited other than for a period of 60 days from the date of opening a new establishment or the closing of an established business. He said additional flags, streamers and no more than two feather flags (with a maximum height of ten feet) shall be allowed four times a year thereafter for a period not to exceed 10 consecutive days provided that a minimum of 30 calendar days has lapsed between promotional campaigns and a permit has been obtained from the Township, along with a \$30 fee. He advised the Land Use Committee recommended this amendment to remove the sunset provision and make this an ordinance that does not expire or need to be renewed.

Councilman Fozman asked if there was a \$30.00 fee previously.

Councilman Mummolo responded yes.

Motion by Vice President Cate and seconded by Councilman Halloran to adopt the following Ordinance on First Reading and said Ordinance be published as provided by law:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK ARTICLE XXXVI. SIGNS, TO DELETE §245-313C

Ordinance on Second Reading: Create Chapter 340 – Prohibit Retail Sale, Cultivation, Manufacturing and Testing of Marijuana Products for Recreational Use within the Township of Brick

Clerk Iannarone read the title of the Ordinance into the Record.

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President Zapcic explained this ordinance prohibits the retail sale, cultivation, manufacturing and testing of marijuana products for recreational use within the boundaries of the Township of Brick. Once approved, the operation of marijuana retail establishments, marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities and marijuana testing facilities are hereby prohibited through the Township. She advised this ordinance is being presented by recommendation of the Council's Land Use Committee.

President Zapcic opened the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Richard Gross, 29 Greenbriar Boulevard, said his doctor was against giving him cannabis for his aches and pains.

Jacob Novak, Manahawkin, urged the council not to pass this Ordinance.

Marcel Diaz, Brick, said he read the Ordinance and asked why it did not mention medical cultivation of marijuana; he questioned how this would be policed.

Kevin Starkey responded this Ordinance addresses only recreational marijuana uses and it does not address medical marijuana at all. He advised cultivation facilities require a license from the State and the recreational cultivation is being banned at the Township level to track what the State is going to be doing. He said if the State Legislation is adopted the Legislation contemplates a community set up to establish rules and regulations, which no one knows what those are going to be yet, but one of those is going to be to distinguish how that licensing process is done, how to distinguish between medical and recreational and it may be this council may have to take further action to address these concerns.

Lefty Grimes, Bayonne, said he had issues in his wheel chair entering through the security process and urged that should be looked into for others with disabilities; he urged the council not to pass this Ordinance.

Mike Vintzileos, Brick, spoke about his opiate addiction for a decade and has taken cannabis to decrease opiate usage and it has helped him; he urged the council not to pass this Ordinance.

Bill Truex, Brick, stated his displeasure with the possibility of a medical dispensary coming to his neighborhood and urged the council to pass the Ordinance.

Michael Dumas, Brick, said his home is located close where the proposed dispensary will possibly be and spoke about the unpleasant issues he and his wife had with the company that owns that building; he urged the council to pass this Ordinance.

Ihor Huk, Brick, said he is aware of the medical benefits issue but he has an issue with people interchanging medical and recreational use; he stated his displeasure with the proposed medical dispensary coming to his neighborhood and advised that he is in full support of this ban.

Cathy Ericksen, Brick, said recreational marijuana should not be allowed in Brick but she has no problem with people that need it for medical reasons.

Jeff Oaks, Oceanport, stated he has stage 4 cancer and uses medical cannabis; he advised the council this is a very serious decision and urged them not to pass this Ordinance.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, repeated her statement from the last council meeting and advised there needs to be more discussion on this topic.

Monica Rinaldi, Brick, urged the council to pass this Ordinance; she questioned how would it be determined if a person is impaired; she said there will be a proliferation of stoned drivers throughout the town if recreational marijuana is allowed in brick and shops will be popping up in strip malls everywhere.

Roxanne Jones, Brick, stated legalization as a whole could have negative societal consequences.

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Toni Parlow, Brick, stated she is in favor of this Ordinance to ban recreational marijuana in Brick.

Jeff King, Eatontown, said he is against this Ordinance to ban adult use and social cannabis and said this would be good for the tax base; he urged the council not to pass this Ordinance.

Josephine Fishbach, Brick, said she is tax paying resident and is in support of this Ordinance and allowing sales of recreational cannabis would send a message that family first is no longer a priority for the governing body of this town.

Gina Marcopul, Brick, spoke about recreational marijuana use and urged the council to pass the Ordinance.

James Rivers, Brick, said there have been good and bad comments about this topic; he said he lives down the street where the proposed medical dispensary site wants to be; he advised he is not against medical marijuana, but not in residential areas.

Dimitri, Former Brick Resident, believes Brick is short changing themselves of the tax revenue they could receive in banning recreational marijuana; he urged the council to postpone the decision to prohibit recreational marijuana.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Zapcic closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Vice President Crate questioned if they do not pass this Ordinance and allow for recreational marijuana what are some of the ramifications for zoning.

Kevin Starkey responded there is a bill currently being considered by the Legislature Senate Bill #2703 and there may be changes to that bill, but as it currently reads the bill does that is very unusual for State Legislation it says if a town does not undertake a "ban" of recreational marijuana, then the State requires the town to allow growing, cultivating, processing and selling of marijuana in all industrial zones and to allow the retail selling/dispensaries in all commercial zones and retail zones. He said if this bill is approved and there is not a ban in Brick – Brick Township will actually lose the power to zone, especially for retail dispensaries – it's a tremendous incursion by the State into what is traditionally local zoning power - because most of zoning says that local officials are the best situated to determine what uses go in what zones. He said if this bill is adopted by the State it will take that authority away from the Township and put it under State law, so this means Brick will actually lose most of the control over where a retail dispensary could be located in Brick and it will be very wide ranging it would be in any retail or commercial zone.

Councilman Mummolo asked for clarification on revenue loss to the Township if this is banned; he spoke on how this money would be collected.

Mayor Ducey advised there was an announcement by the Governor that they came to agreement between Senate President Sweeny along with Assembly Speaker Coughlin and as part of that they agreed to a three percent revenue for the town and to put that amount into prospective to the budget – if you take a \$1 billion worth of sale (that Colorado hit) that is predicted – three percent of that is \$75,000.00 which .007 percent of the budget in Brick and it could be less or more. He said the bill requires to Township to collect on a monthly basis and it is cash, they may have to hire someone or change some one's job duties.

President Zapcic added a billion dollars that Colorado hit was after five years of their inception and in their early years they did not realize anywhere near \$1 billion dollars.

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Vice President Crate to adopt the following Ordinance on Second and Final Reading and said Ordinance be published as provided by law:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 340 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA" TO BAN THE SALE, CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURING AND TESTING OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK

President Zapcic opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, commented New Jersey is the highest taxed State in the country; he spoke about what the State may tax marijuana at if it passes; spoke about the school budget.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, read this letter regarding the parkway construction project and the need for a sound wall along with reforestation in many areas in Brick.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, spoke about the cannabis bill and having more discussion on it and about a need for forums in Brick for people to talk about what they need.

Roxanne Jones, Laurelton, thanked the council for making an informed opinion before voting.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Zapcic closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey announced the Rise against Hunger Event on March 24th hosted the Brick Clergy at St. Dominic.

Councilman Fozman congratulated the Patrolman Fogarty and Sergeant Matthews for their PBA Awards; he asked the Mayor to copy him on the engineering report on Greenbriar I Flood Report; he asked for a copy of the Ordinance be sent to the Governor, Senator Sweeny and Speaker Coughlin for opposing recreational marijuana in the State to reassure what the council did tonight.

Councilwoman deJong congratulated BMHS Marching Mustangs and BTHS Dragons Soccer Team; she gave a update on the Buy in Brick Program.

Councilman Mummolo congratulated BMHS Band, BTHS Girls Soccer Team; he also thanked Mrs. Bergin, Ken Mathis and Rob Byrnes for their budget presentations.

Councilman Halloran congratulations to the new recruits in the police department and to the PBA award recipients; he also congratulated the BMHS Band and BTHS Girls Soccer team; he thanked all for their wonderful budget presentations.

Vice President Crate thanked all the people that came out from both sides to share their thoughts, feelings and stories and feels it is important to hear both sides.

President Zapcic congratulated the new police officers and wished them best of luck; she congratulated the BMHS Band and BTHS Girls Soccer team; she thanked all for coming out and for all those who spoke and for participating in the democratic process.

Motion by Councilman Halloran and seconded by Councilman Mummolo to Adjourn the meeting at 11:29 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Andrea Zapcic
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk