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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

Councilwoman Andrea Zapcic
Councilman Vince Minichino
Councilwoman Heather deJong
Councilman Paul Mummolo
Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero
Council Vice President Arthur Halloran
Council President Lisa Crate

Also Present

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

Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in Asbury Park Press and The Ocean Star on January 7, 2020. 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.

Police Swearing In

Deputy Chief Ling gave a brief history on each officer and then each was sworn in by Mayor Ducey.

- Patrolman Andrew Emil Bajor Badge #305
- Patrolman Kevin Thomas Ryan Badge #306
- Sergeant Frank Mauro Badge #207

Students of the Month – December

Mayor Ducey and President Crate recognized the Students of the Month for December 2019. President Crate named the Brick Township High School Students of the Month and presented certificates to: Anthony Goncalves, Giavona Spadafora, Myriam Khalil and Emma Carpino. She also named and presented certificates to Brick Memorial High School Students of the Month: Adam Gonzalez, Sydney Costello, Brandon Erlenmeyer, Colin Calabrese, Cassidy Lemiska, Lynsey Davis, Braeden Tighe and Karina Roettger.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:

Councilman Mummolo ABSTAINED on *“Authorize Appointments to the BTMUA”*.

Authorize Storm Recovery Reserve

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution amends the Township’s Snow Removal Trust Fund to modify the title to Storm Recovery Reserve. He advised in 2014, New Jersey State Statute allowed municipalities to expand the snow removal reserve into a storm recovery reserve and this modification in title allows the Township to utilize funds in its storm recovery reserve for any purpose relating to storm recovery.

Authorize Refund from Police Road Job Account

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes a refund from the Police Road Job Account in the amount of \$4,295.00 to J.W. Daido Electric.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Purchase & Delivery of One 29 Cubic Yard Rear Loading Refuse Collection Vehicle

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for one 29 cubic yard rear loader for the Department of Public Works. She noted this equipment was approved in the 2019 Capital Budget.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Purchase & Delivery of One 33 Cubic Yard Automated Refuse Collection Vehicle

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for one 33 cubic yard automated refuse collection vehicle for the Department of Public Works. He noted this equipment was approved in the 2019 Capital Budget.

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Authorize Receipt of Bids - Addition to Access Control System

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for additions to the current access control system used at Town Hall. She said the number of areas secured through the access system will be increasing with the completion of the Detective Bureau renovations and the cost will exceed the bid threshold which is resulting in the need to receive bids.

Authorize Receipt of Bids - Backup and Disaster Recovery System

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for a backup and disaster recovery system as recommended by the Township's Information Technology department to provide appropriate backup for Township's hard drive and data contained therein.

Authorize Receipt of Bids - Summerfest Food Vendors

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes receipt of bids from vendors to provide food and refreshments during the four Summerfest concerts and the Annual Car Show with an option for the Craft & Yard Sale and Night Out Against Crime. She noted last year this contract brought in \$9,747.00.

Authorize Receipt of Bids - Beer and Wine Garden

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes receipt of bids from vendors who currently have the appropriate ABC licensing to provide a beer and wine concession during the four Summerfest concerts and Fall Fest in 2020. He noted last year the successful bidder paid the Township \$5,650.00 to provide this service.

Authorize Receipt of Bids - Fireworks Exhibitions

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for aerial fireworks at the Summerfest concert series and the Fall Fest event. She said last year the Township scheduled a total of five fireworks exhibitions and the total cost to the Township was \$33,000.00 due to one Summerfest falling on the Fourth of July. She noted in 2018 the total cost to the Township for five exhibitions was \$19,995.00.

Authorize Receipt of Bids - Mobile Ice Cream Truck

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for an ice cream truck vendor at Windward Beach & Traders Cove for the 2020 summer season. She advised in this contract, the vendor agrees to visit each park daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day. She noted last year the successful bidder paid \$1,255.00 to the Township to provide this service.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Fall Fest Food Vendor

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for a Fall Fest food vendor to identify and secure a number of food trucks with a variety of offerings for this popular, annual event. She advised the contract will be awarded to one bidder that must provide a minimum of 16 and a maximum of 20 food trucks in various food categories within the park for the event. She noted last year the successful bidder paid the Township \$3,040.00 to provide this service.

Authorize Award of Bid - Tree Trimming, Removal & Disposal Services

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the award of bid for tree trimming, removal and disposal services to Falkinburg Tree Expert Company in accordance with a schedule of prices based on various services. He advised this will be an open-ended contract not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year with funds to be certified prior to each service. He stated bid notices were sent to 32 prospective bidders from the bidders list and 14 picked up bid packages of which four bids were received with Falkinburg Tree Experts being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. He noted to date, the Township has encumbered approximately \$33,000.00 for the current two-year contract.

Authorize Award of Bid - Brick Beach III Parking Lot Improvements

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the award of bid for Brick Beach III parking lot improvements to S&G Paving, in the amount of \$546,543.00. She explained the project generally consists of mill and overlay of the municipal parking lot located between Faber Lane and Lyndhurst Drive. She said bid notices were sent to 66 prospective bidders from the bidders list and 17 requested bid packages of which eleven bids were submitted with prices

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ranging from \$546,543.00 to \$1,073,150.00.

Authorize Award of Bid - Isolated Drainage & Roadway Improvements

Mayor Ducey stated this resolution authorizes an award of bid for the Isolated Drainage and Roadway Improvements project to MNC Concrete in the amount of \$321,945.88 for the base bid and one addition. He explained this project generally consists of miscellaneous drainage improvements with associated roadway rehabilitation to correct drainage and other issues at the following locations: 677 Millbrook Road, which is drainage pipe replacement between homes; Tilford Boulevard, the intersection with Forge Pond Road, which includes drainage improvements along easements between homes; 38 Rochester Drive, drainage improvements and road repair; 114 Bretonian Drive, drainage improvements near Beach Court; Stuyvesant Road, which includes drainage and roadway improvements north of Mantoloking Road. He said bid notices were sent to 66 prospective bidders and 14 requested bid packages of which six bids were submitted with pricing ranging from \$321,945.88 to \$680,235.00.

Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement w/Ocean County – Pump Out Boat Program

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a shared services agreement with the County of Ocean for the operation and maintenance of two pump out boats, the “Bay Saver” and “Bay Defender” to service the effluent discharge need of boaters in Brick Township’s waters. She said the pump out boats provide a convenient, inexpensive and environmentally safe means for boaters to dispose of the effluent waste. He noted in this agreement, Brick operates and maintains the pump out boats and the County reimburses the Township up to \$20,000.00 for each boat for costs incurred.

Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement w/Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office – Move Over Law Enforcement Program

Councilman Halloran stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a shared services agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office for the Move Over Law Enforcement Initiative. He explained the law requires motor vehicle operators to reduce their speed and change lanes when approaching authorized vehicles displaying emergency lights. He said such vehicles include police, fire and medical services vehicles, and also highway maintenance, tow trucks and official motorist aid vehicles displaying amber emergency lights. He said where possible, drivers are required to move over to create an empty lane next to the emergency vehicle and when safely changing lanes is not possible, drivers must slow down below the posted speed limit prior to passing emergency vehicles. He noted as part of this agreement, Brick Township agrees to provide manpower when needed for enforcement. He said the township receives a flat hourly rate reimbursement for the police officers assigned to this enforcement.

Authorize Memorandum of Understanding w/Ocean County – Homeland Security Grant – Dive Equipment

Councilman Halloran stated this resolution authorizes a memorandum of understanding with the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security for the purchase of dive equipment. He advised the Township has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 for dive equipment. He explained the Homeland Security Grant program is run through the Ocean County Sheriff’s Office for approved purchases and requires a memorandum of understanding to facilitate receipt of the grant funds.

Authorize Appointments to the BTMUA

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes appointments to the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority including: Derrick Ambrosino for a one-year term as a member; Michael Blandina for a two-year term as a member; Susan Lydecker for a five-year term as a member; Harvey Langer for a five-year term as Alternate 1 member and Erin Wheeler for a four-year term as an Alternate II member.

Authorize Appointments to the Board of Adjustment

This resolution authorizes appointments to the Township’s Zoning Board of Adjustment including Michele Strassheim for a one-year term as member and Darren Caffrey for a two-year term as Alternate 1 member.

Bond Releases/Reductions:

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Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

- Performance Bond Release – Premier Woodworking, LLC – 1100 Industrial Parkway in the amount of \$727.86.

Tax Collector:

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes – Block 380.06 Lot 3
- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes – Block 1052 Lot 7
- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes – Block 1192.12 Lot 44
- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes – Block 1210.23 Lot 9

President Crate opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, questioned the BTMUA appointee Michael Blandina.

Mayor Ducey advised he is an Event Planner and Councilwoman Zapcic advised he is also on the Ocean County Columbus Day Committee.

Larry Reid, 475 Normandy Drive, spoke about the span between the high and low bidders on the Brick Beach III Parking Lot Improvements and the Isolated Drainage and Roadway Improvement resolutions; he questioned who decides on the improvement to the isolated streets.

Mayor Ducey advised the Township Engineer has a list of ongoing complaints because the roads around these roads are in good shape so it's never part of a project; he advised this is an ongoing project that started three years ago otherwise these roads would never be touched.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Crate closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

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

There were no comments from the audience.

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

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call; except:
Councilwoman deJong ABSTAINED on CME Associates

2020 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$10,189,290.57

President Crate opened the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution

There were no comments from the audience.

President Crate closed the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

2020 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,704,330.99

President Crate opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, read his letter regarding the parking construction project and the need for reforestation and the need for a noise wall along certain areas along the parkway.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, stated his displeasure the with lack of parking spots tonight.

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Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, spoke and stated his displeasure with a possible \$71M School Referendum.

Larry Reid, 475 Normandy Drive, he advised they did get street flooding in Normandy Beach this past Saturday; he thanked Joanne Bergin and Elissa Commins for being so responsive to all the emails and updates that have come from the Normandy Beach group; he advised their group is working with Brick Township to find a long term solution to the street flooding in all areas of Brick just not Normandy Beach; He said the gas company is doing this work on Broad Avenue and they should work in conjunction with the Township; he spoke about the sea level rising and questioned if the State is aware and what will they do for them regarding the flooding.

Brian McDonald, Chambers Bridge Residence, spoke about the rent being increased at the Chambers Bridge Residence and stated his displeasure with Comcast.

Bob Czekaj, 127 Royal Drive, reported on the savings/benefits of the solar panels at Town Hall; he commented on the school purchasing of electric buses; he spoke about the Holland's rising water issues.

Eileen Marano, 585 Broad Avenue, also thanked Joanne Bergin and Elissa Commins for all their help; she spoke about the water surrounding her home consistently and noted that she isn't the only one with that issue; she urged the Township to get the State involved in the flooding issues and if there is a plan to let the community know.

Mark Wipperman, 546 Normandy Drive, he spoke about the flood engineering firm putting together a proposal and questioned if there will be money in the budget in order to move forward with what might be a longer-term capital improvement project and if accurate they appreciate that movement forward and the sooner the better; he suggested maybe Sandy data could be helpful.

Joanne Bergin advised they have met with the engineers on January 9th to go over that plan, to go over what they needed to be sure they are familiar with the area, to go over the scope of their projects that they have experience on so they would know they are dealing with the right type of firm – she stated their expertise is necessary because they are not giving up going to FEMA; she mentioned there are grants where the benefit cost analysis you live and breath by your score and urged the Normandy Beach residents to continue to compile data – because they hope there are other avenues then that one specific program where the benefit cost analysis rules; she noted every piece of documentation they have about medical providers not being able to reach you, not being able to get out of your house is part of the story; she said they need to right experts coming together, putting together a plan and cost estimates that they will go to every funding source available; she advised when ACT Engineer when they are retained first order of business will be getting them out in all of the neighborhoods and talk with the residents that live there and to see what they are living with.

Larry Reid, 475 Normandy Drive, spoke about cO2 emissions and the idling of government vehicles at certain pit stops and urged the Township to talk to various entities to turn off the vehicles when at those certain stops.

Joanne Bergin responded the Township has a policy against idling in Township vehicles, they also have GPS in the vehicles and they have flags that go up in the system that is looked at by our safety officer that if a vehicle is flagged for a period of time he is notified and they address that with the employee and fix the behavior.

Alan Rothman, 318 6th Avenue, echoed the thanks to Joanne Bergin and Elissa Commins being so responsive and helpful as they can be with the magnitude of the flooding issues they have; he questioned with hiring ACT engineers would they have to wait until June till the budget gets adopted to hire them to start their study.

Joanne Bergin advised no.

Steve Kirby, 7th Avenue, stated his displeasure with the award of bid for the Brick Beach III parking lot improvements; he spoke of the possible school board referendum, merging school

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districts; he stated some good facts with merges that he was involved in the health care industry.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Crate closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey announced and congratulated the three Brick schools that are being recognized by Fulfill for their initiative in helping collect the most food and funds throughout the holiday season; he said they are looking for nominees for the Brick Hero's Awards; he announced several upcoming events.

Councilwoman Zapcic congratulated the students of the month, the retiring police officers along with the new police officers and the promotion of Sergeant Mauro.

Councilman Minichino congratulated the students of the month and also to the officers going forward and said safety is first.

Councilwoman deJong thanked all for coming out this evening and congratulated the students of the month along with the police officers.

Councilman Mummolo congratulated Sergeant Mauro, the students of the month; he thanked the Clerk's Office for doing a great job on Sunday with the Rabies Clinic – 335 cats and dogs.

Councilwoman Pontoriero congratulated the police officers retiring and the new officers; she spoke about Catholic School Week.

Vice President Halloran said safe journey to the new police officers and congratulated Sergeant Mauro for his promotion and great job to the students of the month.

President Crate announced some upcoming Library events; she highlighted the Garden Club and what they do for the community; she said they are working with the local veteran's groups to resurface and refurbish the Veteran's Memorial area in front of Town Hall and gave the specifics on who to contact.

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to Adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Lisa Crate
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk