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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 7:05 p.m.

Present

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

Also Present

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

Absent

Council Vice President Arthur Halloran

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.

Clerk Iannarone was directed to accept and file the Building & Construction, Certificate of Occupancy, Engineering, Sewer & Water and Vital Statistics Reports for the month of January 2020.

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 1, 2020 and approve the same.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Recognize 100th Anniversary of New Jersey's Ratification of the 19th Amendment

President Crate stated this resolution recognizes the 100th Anniversary of New Jersey's Ratification of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution that granted women the right to vote. She said it is important to remember that there are still people living in America today who lived at a time when women did not have the right to vote and it is truly remarkable to acknowledge how much society has changed and rightly evolved. She said today, women are playing a larger role in government and public life than at any point in the Nation's history.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Roadway Improvements to Parkway Pines

Mayor Ducey stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for roadway improvements to Parkway Pines as approved in the 2019 Capital Budget. He advised the roadways scheduled for improvement in this project include Stephan Road from Burnt Tavern to Lanes Mill and Neil Avenue from Burnt Tavern to Stephan Road.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Landscape Maintenance Services at Solar Field

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for landscape maintenance services at the Township solar field (previously known as French's Landfill) located on Sally Ike Road which consists of approximately 15 acres of turf. He explained the scope of work includes a spring and fall mowing, seed mix with fertilizer, hay, topsoil, mulch, vegetation removal and disposal in riprap areas. He advised to date, the Township has an approximate expenditure of \$38,000.00 during the current two-year contract period which will expire on April 19, 2020 with Onsite Landscape Management as the current vendor.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Operation of Brick Beach I Food Concession Stand

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the operation of the Brick Beach 1 food concession stand. He advised the Township received \$5,000.00 for the current one-year negotiated contract with All Around Concessions. He said the new contract will be for three years commencing with the 2020 summer season.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Operation of Brick Beach III Food Concession Stand

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Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the operation of the Brick Beach III food concession stand. She advised the Township received \$10,0000.00 per year totaling \$30,0000.00 for the current three-year contract with Jersey Shore Snack Shack. She said the new contract will be for three years commencing with the 2020 summer season.

Authorize Receipt of Proposals – Engineering Services for Design of ADA Improvements at Windward Beach Park

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of proposals for engineering services for the design of ADA improvements at Windward Beach Park. She advised this project will be funded through a HUD Community Development Block Grant 2019 Action Plan Grant.

Authorize Award of Bid – Purchase & Delivery of Sign Materials

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the award of bid for the purchase and delivery of sign materials at a schedule of prices to the following vendors: Creative Visual Systems, Hyatt's Graphic Supply, Garden State Highway Products, Lightle Enterprises, Service Pro Sign and Lighting Maintenance. She advised this is an open-ended contract not to exceed \$60,000.00 per year with funds to be certified prior to each order. She said this will be a two-year contract expiring February 11, 2022. She advised there is a tie bid for one item #240, Eco Solvent. A coin toss was performed to break the tie with the winning award going to Creative Visual Systems.

Authorize Award of Bid – Purchase & Delivery of One Insulated 43' Working Height Bucket Truck

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the award of bid for the purchase and delivery of one insulated 43' working height bucket truck to Winner Ford, in the amount of \$127,916.00 including an extended warranty. She advised notices were provided to 62 potential bidders on the bidders list and 15 vendors requested bid packages of which four bids were received, with Winner Ford being the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Authorize Award of Bid – Purchase & Delivery of One Single Axle Dump Truck

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the award of bid for the purchase and delivery of one single axle dump truck to Gabrielli Kenworth of NJ, in the amount of \$177,560.00 including an extended warranty. He advised notices were provided to 62 potential bidders on the bidders list and 17 vendors requested bid packages of which two bids were received, with Gabrielli Kenworth of NJ being the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Authorize Close Out Change Order #2 – Airport Tract Bikeway Expansion

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes a close-out change order in the contract awarded to Down to Earth Landscaping for the Airport Tract Bikeway Expansion Grant. She advised the change order closeout decreases the contract amount by \$35,597.20. She noted this project was funded through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Authorize Acceptance of Donation from Borough of Lavallette – Motorola Equipment

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the acceptance of a donation of Motorola equipment from the Borough of Lavallette. She advised the equipment is no longer being used by the Borough and is considered surplus property. She noted the Brick Police Department has a specific purpose for this equipment and will put it to good use.

Authorize Execution of Agreement – Life Guard Services for Ocean Club at Mantoloking Condominium Association, Inc

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes an agreement with the Ocean Club at Mantoloking for lifeguard services for the 2020 summer season. He advised in this agreement, the Association will reimburse the Township for the use of the life guards.

Authorize Execution of Traffic Signal Agreement between the County of Ocean and the Township of Brick

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a traffic signal agreement between the County of Ocean and the Township of Brick. She advised the County is providing electrical upgrades to the existing traffic signal at Beaverson Boulevard and Old Toms River Road as needed to operate the signal. She said there are no changes planned to the traffic pattern or signalization of the light. She noted in this agreement, the County maintains, modifies and reconstructs the light when needed and the Township pays for the electricity as provided by JCP&L.

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Authorize Renewal of Trailer Park License – JSM at Martin Blvd, LLC

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the renewal of the trailer park license to JSM at Martin Boulevard located at Route 88 and Jack Martin Boulevard. He advised the application has been reviewed and the Mobile Home Park has been inspected by the Township's Zoning Official and found to be in compliance with the Township Code.

Authorize Placement of Tax Liens for Property Clean-up

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the placement of a tax lien at 1408 Forest Avenue, Block 807 Lot 1 in the amount of \$1,560.97.

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

- Performance Bond Reduction – Arya Properties @ Pioneer Estates – Law-Win Court in the amount of \$110,496.60.
- Reforestation Bond Release – Brick 70 Developers, LLC – Route 70 in the amount of \$8,250.00.
- Inspection Fund Release – Wawa, Inc. – Burnt Tavern Road in the amount of \$2,357.76.

Tax Collector:

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- Tax Overpayments – 2019 Block 1042, Lot 5 in the amount of \$1,351.04.

President Crate opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Bob Czekaj, 127 Royal Drive, questioned if the two trucks are replacement vehicles or something new; he asked if anyone looked into getting vehicles free from the Volkswagen grant.

Joanne Bergin advised the two trucks are increasing the fleet they do not have this height of a bucket truck, but the dump truck is replacement vehicle; she said they are looking into doing a pilot program from electric vehicles, but not for DPW trucks.

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 Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilman Mummolo 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

2020 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$12,940,713.03

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 Zapcic and seconded by Councilman Minichino to adopt the following Resolution.

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

2020 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,715,386.81

President Crate opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

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Joseph Reed - member/volunteer with Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity spoke about their program for rehabilitating homes for existing homeowners that are in the low-income category; he said they have monies set aside in Brick Township under the Block Grant Program under this repair program and advised it must be used this year.

Councilwoman Pontoriero asked how someone would obtain an application for this program.

Mr. Reed gave the particulars on obtaining the applications.

Rich Marano, 548 Broad Avenue, spoke about Friday's Flood event in Normandy Beach; he stated his displeasure with trucks driving on the flooded roads which created a wake and flooded his garage; he spoke of the other towns closing roads and questioned why Brick did not; he stated his displeasure with signage that was recently put up that stated "Road may Flood".

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.

Joanne Bergin spoke of what occurred with the signage and advised they have been removed.

Robert Palmisano, 525 Broad Avenue, stated his displeasure with the signage that was recently put up; he questioned if ACT Engineering is the first firm that Township ever hired for a flood study in Normandy Beach; he stated his displeasure with the past and present administration regarding the flooding issues and advised this problem is getting worse and worse every year and it took until this point for the Township to agree to hire an engineer to conduct a study; he commented on many issues he sees as contributing factors due to the flooding issues in Normandy Beach; he asked if the other 12 areas in Brick that flood on a routine basis are as severe as Normandy Beach; he stated his displeasure with after a month nothing has progressed and asked how long do they need to wait.

Joanne Bergin advised they have never done a flood study in Normandy Beach; she advised any one of those 12 neighborhoods would consider themselves to be severe; she pointed out she has provided countless times exactly where they are in the process at council meetings; she advised ACT has not provided them a proposal, they are working on that and said she would prefer that they do their proposal completely, thoroughly and with data – they are looking at all of the communities, they do not want to give us a proposal and come back and say it was not adequate for them to do everything they need to do – they need to know exactly what they have to budget to have them do the work– which is to get "solutions" that they can design and take for funding and said she cannot give a timeline because ACT is working on collecting data; she said the timeline is when they have to review it, see what they can manage and they may not be able to do whole scope, they may have to take it in pieces based on how they need to budget it and emphasized they are doing their work.

Eileen Moran, 548 Broad Avenue, stated her displeasure with the recent signage that was put up and urged Administration to have temporary signage that says "Road closed due to flooding" and that there will be police presence like their surrounding communities and to keep these extremely large trucks from coming down their roads when they are flooded and said her garage was once again flooded; she said there seems to be a lot of miscommunication and some blanket statements that people may believe that funds are coming to Normandy Beach when it's just not Normandy Beach and the need to be more specific about what is coming to Normandy Beach and let us work with you so there is no miscommunication.

Joanne Bergin advised there was police presence on Friday and police are stationed in that area for 24 hours; she advised she will look into getting new signage and will speak with the Chief on getting more aggressive measure with road closures.

Donna Delanoy, 98 Seagoin Road, spoke about the flooding issues in her neighborhood, trying to get out of her house along with the vehicles causing wakes; she asked for signage and to have road closures and police presence when there is a flood event.

Tom Freeman, 311 6th Avenue, thanked the Township of Brick for the Saturday pickup at Use to Be's where he was able to bring his garbage and recycling and expressed how kind the workers are; he also thanked everyone in trying to solve the flooding issues.

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Nancy, 309 Kupper Drive West, asked Administration to also look at her street.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, said hearing the residents from Normandy Beach and Cherry Quay on the flooding – this is not a local problem – this a problem that you will need to expand your thought process about the amount of water in Barnegat Bay and said maybe putting in dikes would help; he asked for an update on what's going on Mantoloking Road; he stated his displeasure with the length of the project, especially during the summer months.

Mayor Ducey said Mantoloking Road has about two years on construction in front of it – it is gas main replacement it will be done one section at a time and the work will be done Monday through Thursday.

Brian McDonald, Chambers Bridge Resident, stated his concerns with the light at the corner of Burrsville Road and Jack Martin Boulevard there is no left turn signal on the light and feels it will be beneficial if there was one.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Crate closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey advised they have a yearly meeting with the County where they do a wish list and said will include the left turn signal onto Jack Martin/Burrsville Road along with some other items; he gave an update on the progress with the flooding issues - ACT Engineers asked for LIDAR Survey Data as needed for their proposal and that data shows the 12 areas in Brick that are at or below elevation 2.5 those are the ones that are severely flooding all the time, the elevation is low then the water in the bay is high; he said they all experience the backwashes from the tides through the pipes especially when there is a full moon, wind – wind causes it to go over the top of the bulkheads; he said also besides providing the LIDAR Survey information – the Township did remove bladders that were installed at Broad and 6th Avenues as the request of the residents; he said he has hopes for the flapper valves and noted they will be included in those 12 areas; he spoke of the repairs in Normandy Beach to the sinkhole and bulkhead; he said on February 3rd he and Joanne met with the Governor's Office staff regarding the need for public funding for flooding, mitigation efforts, programs and help from the State; he also mentioned Joanne attended the NJOEM meeting which was about reimbursements from Sandy in which she requested NJOEM contacts that deal with mitigation for the same purpose of getting the State on board to help the Township; he said he attended the Ocean County Mayor's Association Meeting in which he spoke to a few of the Mayors about their experiences with severe flooding; he announced some upcoming events.

Councilwoman deJong gave an update on the Buy in Brick Program; she announced on March 7th at Brick Township High School the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore are hosting a "Voter Girl" project that celebrates the Centennial of the 19th Amendment and gave particulars on how to sign up for this event.

Councilwoman Pontoriero spoke of the 19th Amendment and the Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity Program; she said she has appreciation for the residents coming out this evening and speaking about their flooding issues.

President Crate announced some upcoming Library events; she spoke of the revamping of the Brick War Memorial Project.

Motion by Councilwoman deJong and seconded by Councilman Minichino to Adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Lisa Crate
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk