

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

Also Present

Mayor John G. Ducey
Kevin Starkey, Township Attorney*
Lynnette A. Iannarone, Township Clerk
Joanne Bergin, Business Administrator
(*Present via Zoom)

Absent

Council President Lisa Crate

Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in Asbury Park Press on January 30, 2021 and The Ocean Star on February 5, 2021. Copies of the agenda were provided to the newspapers, posted on public bulletin boards and the township website (www.bricktownship.net).

Vice President Halloran thanked everyone for participating in this evenings Township Council meeting. She said the COVID-19 pandemic prevents them from meeting in the traditional way, but they have adjusted accordingly so that they can continue to conduct the business of the Township, and serve the residents. He said this meeting is available through the Zoom application, where you can see and hear tonight’s meeting, and participate during all public comment periods as you would if they were all together in person. He said to ask a question or comment, please click on your device and a bar will appear on the bottom of your screen. One of the icons posted there is a “Raise your hand” button - click that to indicate you have a question. She also noted the “Raise your Hand” icon can also be found by clicking on the “More” option. She said they can see that on their end and will call on people one at a time. Questions and comments are also welcome by email. The address is publicmeetingquestions@bricktownship.net and they will be checking emails throughout the meeting and will read those questions into the minutes and respond accordingly.

This meeting began with the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

Motion by Vice President Halloran and seconded by Councilman Mummolo to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 27th and May 11, 2021 meetings and approve the same.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call; except:
Councilman Mummolo ABSTAINED on May 11th because he was absent.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Recognize Patrolman Kris DeMarco Officer of the Year Award Recipient

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution recognizes Brick Township Police Officer Joe Riccio as this year’s recipient of the Patrolman Kris DeMarco Officer of the Year Award. Patrolman Riccio has been a dedicated member of the Brick Township Police Department since 2017 and his consistent hard work has recently resulted in him being transferred to the Street Crimes Unit as well as the SERT Team. He said Patrolman Riccio possesses many of the same qualities and attributes as Patrolman Kris DeMarco including professionalism, humility, integrity, selflessness loyalty and kindness toward others.

Recognize Lt. Thomas McNelis Award Recipient

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution recognizes Sgt. Larry Petrola as the recipient of the Lt. Thomas McNelis Award, which is bestowed annually on a member of the Brick Township Police Department in a supervisor or specialty role. Sgt. Petrola has been a dedicated member of the Brick Township Police Department since 2002 and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2012. He said Sgt. Petrola has been serving as supervisor of the Street Crimes Unit since 2020 and has been tasked with addressing drug activity, quality of life issues

Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – 2021 Click It or Ticket Grant

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes the insertion of a grant in the amount of \$7,500.00 from the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the 2021 Click It or Ticket Grant Program.

Authorize Submission of Application – NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Improvement grant program for improvements to the skateboard/scooter park at the Drum Point Sports Complex.

Authorize Award of Bid – Public Safety Uniforms

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes an award of bid for public safety uniforms to Action Uniform Company, as per an approved schedule of prices. He noted this is a two-year contract ending on May 28, 2023. He advised bid notices were provided to 13 prospective bidders from the bidders list and seven picked up bid package of which one bid was received.

Authorize Re-Bid – Manufacturing & Printing of Tax Bills

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes the rebid of manufacturing and printing of tax bills. He advised bids were received on May 14, 2021 with one bid received, however, an omission in the bid requires the Township to reject and re-advertise.

Authorize Close Out Change Order #1 – Roadway Improvements to Brower Drive

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes close out change order No. 1 for the roadway improvements to Brower Drive project. He advised the change order decreases the contract by \$36,363.91 as a result of final as-built quantities.

Authorize Close Out Change Order #1 – Resurfacing & Drainage Improvements to Roosevelt, Harding & Truman Drives

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes close out change order No. 1 for the resurfacing and drainage improvements to Roosevelt, Harding and Truman Drives project. He advised the change order decreases the contract by \$42,212.67 as a result of final as-built quantities.

Authorize Close Out Change Order #1 – Improvements to Part of Midstreams with Dennis Drive Water Main Replacement Project

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes close out change order No. 1 for the improvements to Midstreams with Dennis Drive water main replacement project. He advised the change order decreases the contract by \$95,220.49 as a result of final as-built quantities.

Authorize Appointment to TNR Committee

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes the appointment of JoAnne Lambusta to the TNR Committee effective June 1, 2021 and expiring on December 31, 2021.

Authorize Special Events Permit – Senior Ball

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes a special event permit for the Brick Township Board of Education to conduct a Senior Ball Event on Thursday, June 3rd at Windward Beach Park between the hours of 5 and 9 pm.

Authorize Special Events Permit – Battle at the Beach

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes a special event permit for Outside the Crease, LLC to conduct a Lacrosse Event on Saturday and Sunday, June 19th and 20th at the Drum Point Sports Complex between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm.

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

- Road Opening Restoration Bond Release for Laurynas Borisevicius on Delaware Drive in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Tax Collector:

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- Authorize Tax Collector to Prepare & Mail Estimated Tax Bills – This resolution authorizes the Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills for the Township's third quarter installment of 2021 taxes.
- Tax Overpayments for 2021 there are two: Block 1192.25 Lot 13 in the amount of \$300.15 and Block 1427 Lot 5 C0026 in the amount of \$121.19.
- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes for Block 380.13 Lot 16 in the amount of \$1,777.58.

Vice President Halloran opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

There were no comments from the public.

Vice President Halloran closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Vice President Halloran opened the public hearing on the Computer Bill Resolution.

There were no comments from the public.

Vice President Halloran closed the public hearing on the Computer Bill Resolution.

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

- All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call; except:
Councilman Minichino ABSTAINED on Teamsters;
Councilwoman deJong ABSTAINED on CME Associates; and
Councilman Mummolo ABSTAINED on Meridian Occupational Health

2021 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$16,675,810.35

Vice President Halloran opened the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution.

There were no comments from the public.

Vice President Halloran closed the public hearing on the Manual 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.

2021 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$4,377,703.16

Ordinance on First Reading: Amend Chapter 288-50 – Lower Speed Limit Eastern End of Princeton Avenue

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

Vice President Halloran stated the Council's Public Safety Committee is recommending lowering the speed limit on the eastern end of Princeton Avenue as per a request from County Engineer John Ernst. He said the existing speed limit on Princeton Avenue, which is a County Road, is 40 mph. He explained the data collected from the speed survey indicates that the 85th percentile speed ranges from 44-46 mph to the west of Beaver Dam Road and 22- 23 mph to the east of Beaver Dam Road. He advised the collected data supports lowering the speed limit to the east of Beaver Dam Road to 25 mph. He said a reduction in the speed limit to the west of Beaver Dam Road is not supported by the data and will remain at 40 mph. He noted the Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit has reviewed and approved the Plan.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic 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, TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE EASTERN END OF PRINCETON AVENUE

Vice President Halloran opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Rich Campbell, 48 Bretonian Drive, spoke of the Speed Limit ordinance and said that he did not think that it was necessary. He asked the Township to consider posting the agenda on the Township's Facebook page and Instagram to try to get younger members of the community involved; he urged the Township to ban combustion engine vehicles and to consider electric vehicles.

There were no further comments from the public.

Vice President Halloran closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey advised they did a defueling study that included the department heads to look at electric vehicles and have not had any feedback yet from the police department; he advised that they have applied for grants for electric vehicles and will continue going down that road; he urged all to attend the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday.

Councilwoman deJong gave an update on the Buy in Brick Program.

Vice President Halloran congratulated Patrolman Riccio and Sergeant Petrola for their PBA Awards.

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to Adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Arthur Halloran
Council Vice President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk