

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*(7:11)
 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

(*Present via Zoom)

Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in Asbury Park Press and The Ocean Star on May 14, 2021. Copies of the agenda were provided to the newspapers, posted on public bulletin boards and the township website (www.bricktownship.net).

President Crate 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. She 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. She 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 Councilwoman Zapcic and seconded by Vice President Halloran to adopt the following Resolutions:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call; except:
 Councilwoman deJong ABSTAINED on "*Authorize Submission of Grant Application – NJDOT 2022 Municipal Aid Program Laurelhurst Phase 3 Project*".

Authorize Appointment of Tax Assessor

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the appointment of Michael Kingsbury as Tax Assessor for a four-year appointment beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2025.

Recognize Dystonia Awareness Month – June

President Crate stated this resolution recognizes Dystonia Awareness Month to help raise public awareness, understanding and support of the disorder of Dystonia, a neurological movement disorder similar to Parkinson's disease. She recognized Marguerite Weiss in her efforts to raise awareness of Dystonia. Marguerite shared her story about living with Dystonia.

Recognize Pride Month – June

President Crate stated this resolution recognizes June as Pride Month to celebrate the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender and Queer community and to recognize the immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of the country that LGBTQ individuals continue to have in all aspects of life.

Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant – 2021

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the insertion of a grant in the amount of \$8,800.00 into the 2021 Budget. She said the grant award is from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities program for 2021.

Authorize Acceptance of Emergency Management Performance Grant – 2021

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the acceptance of an Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management. She said the grant is intended to enhance Brick Township's Emergency Management ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from, acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies. She noted these funds are used to offset the salary of the Township's Deputy Emergency Management Officer.

Authorize Submission of Grant Application – NJDEP Urban Parks Initiative Program

Mayor Ducey explained this resolution authorizes the submission of an NJDEP Green Acres Urban Parks Initiative grant in the amount of \$715,000.00 for the Mallard Park Redevelopment Project. He said as an Urban Aid community, the Township is eligible for funding from both Urban Parks and the annual Green Acres cycle, and therefore, they are applying for both. He thanked Councilwoman Zapcic for hosting the public hearing on this grant earlier this evening.

Authorize Submission of Grant Application – NJDEP Green Acres Program

Mayor Ducey explained this resolution authorizes the submission of an NJDEP Green grant in the amount of \$715,000 for the Mallard Park Redevelopment Project. He said as an Urban Aid community, the Township is eligible for funding from both Urban Parks and the annual Green Acres cycle, and therefore, they are applying for both.

Authorize Submission of Grant Application – NJDOT 2022 Municipal Aid Program Laurelhurst Phase 3 Project

Mayor Ducey stated this resolution authorizes the submission of an NJDOT 2022 Municipal Aid application for the Laurelhurst Phase 3 Project that includes: Fieldcrest Lane, Harmony Drive, Ellen Drive, Walden Road, Cottage Place, Green Hill Drive, Glen Ridge Court, Wayside Drive, Tanglewood Road, Bonnie Court, Orchard Court and Laurelhurst Drive.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Computer & Printer Supplies

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for computer and printer supplies. She said the Data Processing Department is compiling a list of required supplies they anticipate purchasing in the next contract period. She said the current contract is for one year due to expire on August 27, 2021. She advised to date they have spent approximately \$17,000 to maintain the Township's computer system, printers, fax machines, etc.

Authorize Award of Bid – Windward Beach Park ADA Improvements Phase 1 Project

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the award of bid for Windward Beach Park ADA Improvements to Earle Asphalt Company in the amount of \$169,113.13. She explained the project scope includes new sidewalks, parking modifications, striping, signage, way-finding signage, grading and boardwalk repairs for ADA compliance through the park area. She said bid notices were provided to 80 prospective bidders from the bidder's list and six requested bid packages with prices ranging from \$147,613.13 to \$273,655.40, with Earle being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Authorize Award of Contract through NJ Cooperative Purchasing Program – Purchase & Delivery of One Ford F550 Mason Dump Truck

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract through the NJ Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$97,855.00 for a Ford F550 Mason Dump Truck for the Parks Department. She advised the contract is awarded to Winner Ford and noted this purchase was approved in the 2020 capital budget.

Authorize Award of Contract through NJ Cooperative Purchasing Program – Micro-Surfacing of the Pavilion

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract through the NJ Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$123,726.64 for a micro-surfacing project at the Pavilion. She advised the contract is awarded to Asphalt Paving Systems, Hammonton.

Authorize Increase in the Bid Threshold and the Appointment of the Qualified Purchasing Agent

President Crate stated this resolution increases the Township's bid threshold to \$44,000.00 and the quotation threshold to \$6,600.00 as available to municipalities with a Qualified Purchasing Agent. She said this resolution also recognizes Jana Kopecka as the Qualified Purchasing

Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to State statute.

Authorize Execution of Settlement Agreement – 385 Adamston, LLC

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a settlement agreement with 385 Adamston LLC. She explained the agreement was reviewed and approved by the Township Board of Adjustment and Planning Board. She advised in this agreement, Adamston LLC ends its pending litigation regarding a proposed medical marijuana facility in the Township and the Township’s insurance carrier will pay \$25,000.00 to the plaintiff’s counsel.

Authorize 2021-2022 Liquor License Renewals without Restrictions – Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses

This resolution renews plenary retail consumption licenses without restrictions to: PJ Sweeney’s, Wine Outlet, Windward Tavern, Arrowhead Inn, Villa Vitoria, River Rock, Beacon 70, Spirit Unlimited, and TGI Fridays; retail plenary distribution licenses without restrictions to: Forbes Wine & Liquors, Lenape Buy-Rite Liquors, Brick Town Liquors, Wine Shoppe, NJ Wine Gallery, Brick Liquors, Buy Rite of Brick, Wine World; club liquor licenses without restrictions to: American Legion Post #348, Knights of Columbus, Brick Elks, Metedeconk River Yacht Club, Riviera Beach Boat Club, Shore Acres Yacht Club and VFW Post #8867.

Authorize 2021-2022 Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License Renewals with Restrictions:

President Crate advised the following:

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| a. Applebee’s | i. Outback Steakhouse |
| b. Bonefish Grill | j. Quaker Steak & Lube |
| c. Buffalo Wild Wings | k. Red Robin |
| d. Carrabba’s Italian Grill | l. Tre/Rosalita’s |
| e. FRIT | m. Tuscany |
| f. Houlihan’s | n. Urban Coalhouse |
| g. JSM at Brick - HELD | o. Use to Be’s |
| h. Mantoloking Road Alehouse | |

Authorize Place-to-Place Liquor License Transfer – KB & RD LLC t/a Beacon 70

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes a place-to-place transfer (expansion of premises) of the plenary retail consumption liquor licenses issued to KB & RD, LLC t/a Beacon 70 to include a new outside deck area.

Tax Collector:

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- Tax Overpayments for 2021 there are four: Block 271 Lot 9 in the amount of \$1,763.52; Block 870.06 Lot 2 in the amount of \$843.18; Block 377.06 Lot 5 in the amount of \$947.92 and Block 869.08 Lot 7 in the amount of \$1,705.56.
- State Tax Appeal Granted for Block 1426.03 Lot 20 – 1269 Concord Drive in the amount of \$654.12.

President Crate opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

There were no comments from the public.

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 public.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero 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.

2021 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,440,054.17

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

Motion by Vice President Halloran and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call

2021 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,970.84

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

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

President Crate 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. She said the existing speed limit on Princeton Avenue, which is a County Road, is 40 mph. She 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. She advised the collected data supports lowering the speed limit to the east of Beaver Dam Road to 25 mph. She 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 and noted the Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit has reviewed and approved the Plan.

President Crate opened the public hearing on the Ordinance.

There were no comments from the public.

President Crate closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Vice President Halloran 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.

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

President Crate opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

There were no comments from the audience.

President Crate closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey spoke and thanked all that were involved with the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony; he mentioned some events he attended and some upcoming events.

Councilwoman Zapcic gave particulars on the upcoming Annual Garden Club "Secret Gardens of Brick Tour & Tea.

Council Members congratulated the upcoming graduates.

Motion by Councilman Minichino and seconded by Councilman Mummolo to Adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

June 9, 2021
Council President

Township Clerk

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