

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
 Scott Kenneally, 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 December 18, 2020. 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 evening's 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 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.

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 December 2020.

Motion by Councilman Minichino and seconded by Councilwoman Pontoriero to dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 31, 2020 meeting and approve the same.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:
 President Crate ABSTAINED because she was absent.

Motion by Councilman Minichino and seconded by Vice President Halloran to adopt the following Resolutions:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Roof Replacement at the Municipal Building

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for roof replacement at the Municipal Building as approved in the 2019 Capital Program.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Purchase & Delivery of Aggregates & Asphalt

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the purchase and delivery of aggregates and asphalt. She said this contract is mainly for purchase of roadway improvement materials for paving, patching and drainage as well as purchase of ballfield clay, top soil, sand and stone used for maintenance of public grounds.

Authorize Award of Bid – Isolated Drainage & Roadway Improvements

Mayor Ducey stated this resolution authorizes the award of bid for the Isolated Drainage and Roadway Improvement Project to Captain Construction, South River, in the amount of \$378,230.00. 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 – drainage pipe replacement between homes; Tilford Boulevard – intersection with Forge Pond Road; 38 Rochester Drive – drainage improvements and road repair; 114 Bretonian Drive – drainage improvements near Beach Court; Stuyvesant Road – drainage and roadway improvements north of Mantoloking Road; Unity Drive – mill and overlay of existing roadway. He said bid notices were provided to 67 prospective bidders and 14 requested bid packages of which eight bids were received ranging from the low bid of \$378,230.00 to \$1,158,960.00.

Authorize Close Out Change Order No. 2 – Bernard J. Cooke Park Improvements

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes Close-Out Change Order #2 for the Bernie Cook Park Improvement Project. She advised the change order is a contract decrease of \$9,895.00, reducing the contract amount from \$1,599,319.80 to \$1,589,424.80 as the result of as-built quantities.

Authorize Submission of Application – 2021 Ocean County Tourism Grant

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the submission of the 2021 Ocean County Tourism Grant in the amount of \$9,825.00 for the Brick Farmer's Market.

Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement w/County of Ocean – Child Restraint Grant Program

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a shared services agreement with the County of Ocean for the FY21 Child Restraint Program Grant that provides for inspecting and installing child restraints in vehicles.

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

President Crate 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. She said the law requires motor vehicle operators to reduce their speed and change lanes when approaching authorized vehicles displaying emergency lights. She advised such vehicles include police, fire and medical services vehicles, and also highway maintenance, tow trucks and official motorist aid vehicles displaying amber emergency lights. She said where possible, drivers are required to move over to create an empty lane next to the emergency vehicle. She said when safely changing lanes is not possible, drivers must slow down below the posted speed limit prior to passing emergency vehicles. She advised as part of this agreement, Brick Township agrees to provide manpower when needed for enforcement. The township receives a flat hourly rate reimbursement for the police officers assigned to this enforcement.

Authorize Appointments to the Board of Adjustment

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the appointment of Michelle Strassheim and Mike Jamnik to the Township's Zoning Board of Adjustment for four-year terms.

Authorization to Waive Late Fee for Animal Licensing

President Crate stated this resolution waives the \$1.00 late fee for animal licensing. She said due to the COVID pandemic, the Township Rabies Clinic will be held on February 21, which does not allow for residents to obtain an animal license by the January 31 deadline.

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

- Performance Bond Reduction for WCS Properties on Chambers Bridge Road reducing the performance bond to \$73,382.40 and returning \$6,972.60.
- Performance Bond Reduction for 2026 Route 88, LLC on Route 88 in the amount of \$25,194.00.
- Inspection Fund Release for Hudson Remodeling, LLC on Cedar Bridge Avenue in the amount of \$635.13.

Tax Collector:

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes for Block 383.07 Lot 39 in the amount of \$499.45.
- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes for Block 902.29 Lot 5 in the amount of \$7,835.31.
- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes for Block 982 Lot 49 in the amount of \$845.28.

- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes for Block 1192.06 Lot 5 in the amount of \$527.31.
- 100% DAV Cancel Taxes from 12/4/20 and forward for Block 1386 Lot 10 C163.
- Tax Overpayments for 2017 there is one: Block 177 Lot 3.01 in the amount of \$874.97.
- Tax Overpayments for 2020 there are two: Block 383.39 Lot 36 in the amount of \$1,401.82 and Block 870.05 Lot 78 in the amount of \$1,385.72.

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 Amended Computer Bill Resolution.

There were no comments from the public.

President Crate closed the public hearing on the Amended 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

2021 Amended Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$2,630,208.61

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 \$1,705,740.11

President Crate opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Robert Palmisano, 525 Broad Avenue, said the residents of Normandy Beach were informed that the street elevation shared services grant for Brick and Toms River was for only 7th, 6th, 5th Avenues and part of Broad Avenue and questioned why are those streets being raised and not the lowest part of Broad Avenue and other lower elevation roads and stated his displeasure with that; he stated that he has not received answers to his emails.

Joanne Bergin responded with terms of communications they have indicated many times that they communicate to the group and give all updates to the group and will continue to email the group as one; she said they have applied for two grants and they also have applied for the NJDOT Grant and also a FEMA Grant; she said from the beginning they indicated that this is a large scale project and was not likely to be funded through one program (showed an elevation map) she said this map shows the areas that will be elevated and the Township intends to proceed with in terms of roadway elevation; she said the NJDOT Municipal Aid Project location is in the immediate vicinity of the Toms River border which is done because this is a shared services application and will continue the extension further into Brick through the FEMA Application; she said both grant applications are relevant they are two different funding agencies with two different deadlines and both have been submitted and both are in the queue to be reviewed and decided; she said if this turns out to be done in stages that is simply a matter of funding it is not the intention to do one without the other but they will not be timed at the same time because they are two different funding sources with two different processes for how to spend the money.

Mr. Palmisano said he thought the NJDOT application was already approved and when will

they know when the FEMA Grant is approved.

Joanne Bergin advised they received word from the NJDOT that the application has been approved but have not received an executed grant agreement so they have not started the process of planning until they have that agreement in hand; she said the FEMA application has been submitted and they have received additional input from them which is a good sign.

There were no further comments from the public.

President Crate closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey advised of some upcoming ribbon cuttings; he urged residents to support local businesses.

Councilwoman Zapcic urged residents to stay safe.

Councilman deJong gave an update on the new business in the Buy In Brick Program.

Councilwoman Pontoriero gave some particulars on the upcoming Rabies Clinic.

Motion by Vice President Halloran and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to Adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Lisa Crate
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk