

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\* (7:10pm)  
 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 on January 30, 2021. Copies of the agenda were provided to the newspapers, posted on public bulletin boards and the township website ([www.bricktownship.net](http://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](mailto: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 January 5, 2021 meeting and approve the same.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:

Councilwoman Pontoriero ABSTAINED because she was absent at the time.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

#### **Authorize Budget Appropriation Transfers**

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes budget appropriation transfers as needed. She advised these transfers do not increase the overall municipal budget only moving unexpended funds from one account into another.

#### **Authorize Receipt of Bids – Manufacturing & Printing of Tax Bills**

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the manufacture and printing of tax bills. She advised the current contract awarded to Vital Communications will expire on April 30, 2021. She said the Township had an approximate expenditure of \$48,000.00 for the current two-year contract period. She said the services included printing of estimated tax bills for the third quarter; printing of final/ preliminary tax bills and printing of post-tax year statements and corresponding reports to the tax collector.

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

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the operation of the Brick Beach 1 Food Concession. She advised the Township received \$1,100.00 for the current one-year contract with Castaway Kitchen, LLC. She said the new contract will be for three years commencing with the 2021 summer season.

**Authorize Receipt of Bids - Operation of Brick Beach III Food Concession Stand**

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the operation of the Brick Beach III Food Concession. She advised the Township received \$2,750.00 for the current one-year contract with Jersey Shore Snack Shack. She said the new contract will be for three years commencing with the 2021 summer season.

**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 Park & Traders Cove Marina for the 2021 summer season. She advised in this contract, the vendor agrees to visit each park daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day. She said last year, the successful bidder paid \$581.00 to the Township to provide this service.

**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Beer & Wine Garden Concession**

Mayor Ducey 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 2021. He advised last year, the Township received \$6,000.00 for the one-year negotiated contract.

**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Summerfest Food Truck Vendors**

Mayor Ducey announced the Summerfest dates/entertainers. He said 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 Sale and Night Out Against Crime. He advised last year the award was made to six vendors in the total amount of \$6,480.00

**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Fall Fest Food Vendor**

Mayor Ducey 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. He advised this 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.

**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Windward Beach Park ADA Improvements, Phase 1**

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for Windward Beach Park ADA improvements, Phase 1. She advised the Township's 2020 capital budget included funds for the design, which was also included in the FY19 Community Development Block Grant program's public facilities project list. She said this project will be 100% reimbursed by HUD CDBG grant funds; however, inclusion in the 2020 Municipal Capital Budget request is provided to ensure funds are available at the time of contract award. She advised the engineering design project is anticipated to include renovation to the parking lot including paving, striping, signage, railing, concrete work, ramps and other ADA amenities.

**Authorize Contract through Ocean County Cooperative Pricing System – One Ford F-250 Supercab 4x4 Pick-up**

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes a contract with All American Ford, Point Pleasant, in the amount of \$38,758.00 for the purchase of one 2020 or newer Ford F-250 Supercab 4x4 pick-up for the Department of Public Works. She advised this vehicle is being acquired through the 2020 Recycling Tonnage Grant. She said the Township is entering this contract through a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Ocean County Cooperative Pricing System.

**Authorize Contract through The Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Pricing System – Four Ford Bronco Sports**

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes a contract with Beyer Ford, Morristown, in the amount of \$114,685.36 for the purchase of four 2021 Ford Bronco Sports vehicles: one for senior services, one for engineering and two for the inspection department. She advised these vehicles were approved in the 2020 capital budget. She said the Township is entering this contract through a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Educational Services Commission and the New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System.

**Authorize Sale of Surplus Property – Municibid Online Auction**

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the sale of surplus property through using the online auction services of Municibid.

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

President Crate 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 pump out boats provide a convenient, inexpensive and environmentally safe means for boaters to dispose of the effluent waste. She advised 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 Fatal Accident Support Team**

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a shared services agreement in place with the Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office to designate Brick Township Police officers to be assigned to the Fatal Accident Support Team for the purpose of assisting in investigation, prosecution of fatal accidents and in traffic enforcement and education. She said during times where additional manpower is needed for investigations and/or training, members of the F.A.S.T. will be called upon to assist. She advised officers will be paid from money in the Prosecutor’s Program fund which has been designated by the Ocean County Prosecutor and the Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

**Authorize Motor Vehicle Selling License – All American Ford of Pt. Pleasant – OFF**

**Bond Releases/Reductions:**

Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

- a. Performance Bond Release – Deborah Miller – Flintoft Avenue in the amount of \$3,000.00.

**Tax Collector:**

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- Cancel Tax Balances & Credits \$10.00 and under for the year 2020.
- Tax Overpayments for 2020 there is one: Block 1429 Lot 1 C0156 in the amount of \$763.61.

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 Zapcic and seconded by Councilwoman Pontoriero to adopt the following Resolution:

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

**2021 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$22,841,874.27**

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 Councilman Mummolo 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 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$3,399,443.10**

**Ordinance on First Reading: Amend Chapter 288-42 Vehicles & Traffic – Through Streets**

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

President Crate explained the Public Safety Committee is recommending the amendment of this ordinance to make Salmon Street a through street. She said the Police Department's Traffic Safety Office is requesting the Council consider this amendment to increase safety. She said the roadway extends several blocks out to Pier Avenue. She advised there are no stop signs at any of the intersecting streets because Salmon is not recognized as a through street. She said once approved, stop signs will be installed on Salmon Street.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Vice President Halloran 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 DESIGNATE SALMON STREET AS A THROUGH STREET**

President Crate opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Reylene Starego, 600 Driscoll Drive, said she is representing St. Thomas Lutheran Church; she spoke and stated the concerns of the church with the effects designating Salmon Street as a through street specifically for the churchgoers and the many services the church offers if the street were to go from Chambers Bridge to the old foodtown site.

Mayor Ducey said this was recommended by the police department and what they want to do is put stop signs on the side streets so the residents on Salmon Street does not have to stop it will be the other streets will now have stop signs and it has nothing to do with Foodtown or the church property and he explained the meaning of a "through street".

Reylene Starego thanked the Mayor for his explanation as she misunderstood what a through street was.

Robert Palmisano, 525 Broad Avenue, stated his displeasure with his emails not getting answered regarding the flooding events; he stated his displeasure with the sealing of the catch basins and flapper valves and feels they are not working and that someone should come out to confirm whether this system is working or not; he questioned if anyone from DPW or any other administrative office has been out to see if they are working or not.

Mayor Ducey said they will always give updates through the group emails and noted the police and DPW have been out at the barrier island to check.

Mr. Palmisano stated that he is not satisfied with the group email – he would like a personal response; he said that the snow fences on the beaches are completely covered and questioned when will they be maintained and noted the dunes are starting to get destroyed; he stated his displeasure with the ACT Engineer report not having any comments in regards to pump stations; he asked Administration to have the flapper valve manufacturer come out to inspect the equipment;

Mayor Ducey said he was out there to look at the beach and also during many flooding events; he said with regards to the fence they received a letter of apology on January 27<sup>th</sup> from the Ocean County Planning Board saying that unfortunately the manufacturer did not get them rolls of fence that was promised. They were delivered on January 26<sup>th</sup> and since that time the DPW Department has gone to pick up the fencing and will be installing it.

Jean McCurdy, 527 Broad Avenue, said she concurs with Mr. Palmisano's statements; she

commented on pump stations and the major flooding events that happen on a regular basis and would like answers to their issues; she asked for confirmation that the manufacturer of the flapper valves will come out and see that they are working.

Joanne Bergin said is that they have outlined a few times what their short term approaches are to help get to the goal line of elevating the roadways that is consensus of what the only true solution is – it is a process that is well underway through the work of professionals the Township has retained to pull together the data for the Township to rate high for grant applications that will help fund these roadway elevations; she spoke of the two grant applications that were submitted – one to the State and one to FEMA that will allow them to do a large scale project and information on that has been sent out to the group; she said some things they are trying to do in the meantime in terms of the catch basins and the flapper valves are intended to try to alleviate some of what is occurring until the roads are elevated; she said there are a series of homes and streets that are below sea level so the roads and area being wet is not solvable by catch basins and flapper valves those are there to try to mitigate some of what the residents are experiencing until those roadways can be elevated; she commented on the pump stations with the ACT Engineers.

Vice President Halloran added that Ms. Bergin did say she would speak to the manufacturer of the flapper valves.

Mayor Ducey said they have DPW and engineers in this town are more than capable if there are any problems - they will go right to the manufacturer – the manufacturer made some big promises with their equipment; he advised they took some time picking out these flapper valves because they wanted to try it out for a year – they did not want to try it out for two – three months they wanted to get a year through winter and summer storms and everything in between; he said they did not want to get something that did not work – so they finally found a manufacturer and so far have spent \$300,000.00 on these valves and another \$55,000.00 coming up this year; he said if there is a problem with the flapper valves the manufacturer will be out here.

There were no further comments from the public.

President Crate closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey thanked DPW, Parks Department and the monitors/call center for all their hard work with the snow plowing; he urged residents to remove their cars from the streets if they can when it snows because it makes it difficult for the snow plows; he mentioned the Recreation now selling Brick Beach III clothing.

Councilwoman deJong also thanked everyone for their hard work who worked the last couple of snow storms.

Motion by Vice President Halloran and seconded by Councilwoman deJong to Adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

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Lisa Crate  
Council President

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Lynnette A. Iannarone  
Township Clerk