

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

Councilman Perry Albanese
Councilwoman Andrea Zapcic
Councilwoman Heather deJong
Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero (7:11 pm)
Council Vice President Lisa Crate
Council President Vince Minichino

Also Present

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

Absent

Councilman Arthur Halloran

Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in Asbury Park and The Ocean Star on January 7, 2022. 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 a salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

Motion by Councilwoman Zapcic and seconded by Vice President Crate to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 25, 2022 Meeting and approve the same.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Motion by Vice President Crate and seconded Councilwoman Zapcic to adopt the following Resolutions:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Authorize Cancellation of Grant Appropriated Reserves & Receivables

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the cancellation of grant appropriated reserves and receivables in programs where the funds cannot be spent within the contract period.

Authorize Submission of Application – 2022 Ocean County Tourism Grant

President Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the submission of the 2022 Ocean County Tourism Grant in the amount of \$9,825.00 for the Brick Farmer’s Market.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Printing Services

Vice President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the printing of various Township forms used by all departments, such as letterhead, envelopes, business cards. She said the current two-year contract will expire on June 9, 2022 and, to date, they have spent \$25,000.00 with five awarded vendors.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Landscape Maintenance Services at Solar Field

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for landscape maintenance services at the Township’s solar field (previously known as French’s Landfill) located on Sally Ike Road which consists of approximately 15 acres. She advised the scope of work includes a Spring and Fall mowing, seed mix with fertilizer, hay, topsoil, mulch, vegetation removal and disposal in riprap areas. She said, to date, the Township has an approximate expenditure of \$25,000.00 during the current two-year contract period which will expire on April 19, 2022 with A. Guzzo Landscaping as the current vendor.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Operation of Brick Beach 1 Food Concession Stand

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the operation of the Brick Beach 1 food concession. He advised the Township received \$5,100.00 for the current one-year contract with Castaway Kitchen, LLC which expired at the end of the 2021 summer season.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Fireworks Exhibitions

Mayor Ducey stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for aerial fireworks at the Summerfest concert series and Fall Fest. He said last year, the Township scheduled a total of five fireworks exhibitions. He noted the total cost to the Township was \$22,000.00 and the vendor was Shaefer Fireworks. He announced the 2022 Summerfest concert series lineup.

Award of Bid – Purchase & Delivery of Sign Materials

Vice President Crate stated this resolution authorizes an award of bid for the purchase and delivery of sign materials to Garden State Highway Products and Signarama. She advised bid notices were mailed to 25 bidders of which eight vendors picked up packages of which three bids were received with Garden State and Signarama being the lowest responsible bidders. She said this award is for two years commencing February 12, 2022 and ending February 11, 2024 and this is an open-ended contract not to exceed \$70,000 per year.

Authorize Close-Out Change Order #1 – Isolated Drainage & Roadway Improvements

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes a close-out change order decrease in the amount of \$65,787.15 in the contract with Captain Construction for the Isolated Drainage and Roadway Improvements project. She advised the close out change order reflects increases and decreases in original contract quantities required to complete the project.

Authorize Close-Out Change Order #1 – Resurfacing & Drainage Improvements to North Lake Shore Drive, Nassau Street and Duquesne Boulevard Intersections

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes a close-out change order increase in the amount of \$3,877.39 in the contract with Earle Asphalt for the Resurfacing and Drainage Improvements to North Lake Shore Drive, Nassau Street and Duquesne Boulevard project. She advised Earle Asphalt has completed the paving of North Lake Shore Drive, Nassau Street, and Duquesne Boulevard intersections just above the original contract value.

Authorize Award of Contract – COBRA – OCA

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes an award of contract to OCA to provide COBRA coverage to the Township employees and retirees at a rate of .60 cents per participant per month. She said Fairview Insurance Agency, the broker of record for the Township of Brick, has solicited proposals and recommends award to OCA. She said the Township is currently under contract with OCA for COBRA and retiree billing. She advised they offer a full-scale, secure, web-based platform and OCA also delivers 24/7 access to the employee notices and reports. She noted there will be no change to the rates.

Authorize Award of Contract – Temporary Disability Coverage – The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes an award of contract to Guardian Life Insurance to provide temporary disability coverage for the Township. She advised the term of this contract is one year. She said IMAC Insurance Agency, the broker of record for the Township of Brick, has solicited proposals and recommends the award to Guardian Life Insurance Company of America. She said Guardian currently provides temporary disability coverage. She advised in this renewal, the Township will be experiencing a decrease in the total rate from .96 percent to .82 percent, with a decrease in the employee rate of .14 percent.

Authorize Execution of Agreement with Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund

President Minichino stated this resolution authorizes execution of an agreement with the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund to provide prescription coverage for Township's employees and retirees. He advised the agreement renews Brick Township's Indemnity and Trust agreements as well as adopts and approves the Fund's bylaws. He noted the term of this agreement ends December 31, 2024.

Authorize Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License to DadsBar Corp. t/a Arrowhead Inn

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes a person-to-person transfer of a plenary retail consumption liquor license to DadsBar Corp., trading as Arrowhead Inn.

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

- Inspection Fund Release for K&S Wall Properties on Route 88 in the amount of \$28.31.

Tax Collector:

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- Tax Overpayments for 2022 there is one: Block 378.17 Lot 6 in the amount of \$1,237.59.

President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, stated his concerns with possible health hazard/danger for workers who will be doing the maintenance at the solar field.

Joanne Bergin advised the EPA is still doing oversight at the landfill/solar field and everything the Township is doing is in full compliance with what the EPA has requested them to do; she advised it is capped and the solar panels were put on top after the capping and it is safe to do the maintenance at the landfill.

There were no further comments from the public.

President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Computer Bill Resolution.

There were no comments from the public.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Vice President Crate to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

2022 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$22,219,102.75

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

Motion by Vice President Crate and seconded by Councilwoman deJong to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

2022 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,747,793.26

Ordinance on First Reading: Amend Chapter 145-6 – Extend the Time for Waiver of Fees for Construction – Renovation of Existing Vacant Commercial Structures

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

Mayor Ducey stated in July 2017 and again in 2019 the Council renewed an ordinance waiving fees for business owners who renovate an existing vacant commercial property. He explained the program started in 2015 to encourage businesses to come to Brick and occupy vacant storefronts. He said in this ordinance, the Township is encouraging any new business looking to fill vacant commercial space under 5,000 square feet that has been vacant for at least a year to open for business. He advised all Township permit fees are waived to encourage the start up. He said the Business and Finance Committee has recommended renewing the ordinance which expired December 31, 2020. This renewal extends the waiver through December 31, 2022. He noted in total 28 new businesses have opened and taken advantage of this program and businesses from bakeries to yoga studios and florists have opened in locations that were vacant.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilwoman deJong 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 CHAPTER 145-6 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR CONSTRUCTION TO PROMOTE THE RENOVATION OF EXISTING VACANT COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES

Ordinance on First Reading: Amend Chapter 396 – Stormwater Management

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

President Minichino stated the NJDEP Stormwater Rules have been modified. He explained all municipalities are required to amend the Township's Stormwater Management Ordinance to comply with the model ordinance as provided by the State. He said the ordinance includes a number of requirements that are designated to improve the quality of stormwater runoff. He advised In February of 2021, the Council updated the Stormwater Ordinance and is now incorporating four new sections as required. He advised those sections address illicit connections, private storm drain retrofitting, refuse containers & dumpsters and the improper disposal of waste.

Motion by Councilwoman Zapcic and seconded by Councilwoman deJong 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, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 396, ENTITLED "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT"

President Minichino opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, read his letter regarding the parkway construction project and the need for a sound wall and reforestation in various areas in Brick.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, complimented DPW for the recent snow cleanup; he questioned if there was a change in the deicing agent; he spoke about the Build Back Better Program and questioned if the red-light camera program would be reinstated with this program; he questioned what kind of money would be seen from this program

Joanne Bergin advised the County uses a blue deicing agent.

Mayor Ducey said with regards to the red-light camera program there is no indication that would be part of that program and the money has not been determined yet for the entitled towns on the Infrastructure Bill.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, spoke about the red light cameras; she read an article former State Senator Loretta Weinberg regarding Open Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act.

Steve Brill, Jenny Court, stated his displeasure with not getting any answers on the air quality from the recent parkway culvert fire incident near Evergreen Woods Complex.

Louis Sauchelli, 106 D Street, asked if there was an update on his issue with a flag pole that he brought up at the last council meeting.

President Minichino advised the Land Use Committee will be meeting March 22nd and they should have results after that meeting.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, complimented the town on the snow removal after the last storm; he had questions on the Vacant Store Front Ordinance and the Stormwater Ordinance – specifically dumpster drainage; he gave an update on how many residents are moving out of New Jersey.

Mayor Ducey explained the reasons for the renewal of the Store Front Ordinance.

There were no further comments from the public.

President Minichino closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey mentioned some events he attended and some upcoming events; he thanked all the departments that helped in the snow storm cleanup.

Councilwoman deJong mentioned some upcoming events at the Senior Center and gave particulars on them.

Councilwoman Pontoriero spoke in detail of having COVID-19 and the difficulty she had in trying to find the right medicine to help her since she is in the category of "high risk".

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilwoman deJong to Adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Vince Minichino
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk