

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  
Councilman Arthur Halloran  
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

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](http://www.bricktownship.net)).

This meeting began with a 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 May 2022.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Vice President Crate to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 10, 2022 Meetings and approve the same.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call; except:

Councilman Arthur Halloran ABSTAINED on April 26<sup>th</sup> because he was absent.

**Presentation:**

**Marguerite Weiss – Dystonia Awareness Month - June**

Vice President Crate recognized Marguerite Weiss in her efforts to raise awareness, understanding and support of the disorder of Dystonia. Vice President Crate presented and read the resolution on behalf of the Township Council and explained the disorder of Dystonia. Marguerite shared her story about living with Dystonia.

**Ordinance on First Reading: Amend Chapter 245 – To Permit Craft Distilleries, Wine Tasting Room and Instructional Wine Making Facility License Holders**

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

Councilman Halloran stated this ordinance came as a recommendation from the Land Use Committee. He explained the ordinance was in place to allow breweries and is now being expanded to permit craft distilleries, winery tasting rooms and instructional winemaking as permitted uses in the Village Zone, the B-2 General Business Zone, the B-3 Highway Development Zone and the M-1 Light Industrial Zone.

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.

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 245, ENTITLED “LAND USE” TO PERMIT CRAFT DISTILLERIES, WINERY TASTING ROOMS AND INSTRUCTIONAL WINEMAKING FACILITY LICENSE HOLDERS AS PERMITTED USES IN THE VILLAGE ZONE, THE B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE, THE B-3 HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT ZONE, AND THE M-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE**

**Ordinance on Second Reading: Authorize a Grant Easement to the Brick Township Board of Education for Use of a Portion of Township Property known as Block 902 Lot 5**

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

President Minichino explained this ordinance facilitates the Board of Education’s request to make improvements to Midstreams School parking lot, which encroaches onto Brick Township property on the north side. He said the Board of Education plans to resurface and improve the

lot while reducing the depth of the encroachment.

President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Ordinance.

There were no comments from the public.

President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Vice President Crate 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, AUTHORIZING A DEED OF EASEMENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR USE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 902 LOT 5 FOR PARKING AND ACCESS TO MIDSTREAMS SCHOOL**

Motion by Councilman Halloran and seconded by Councilwoman deJong to adopt the following Resolutions:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

**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.

**Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – Sustainable Jersey Grant – 2022**

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes the insertion of a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 as part of the 2022 Sustainable Jersey grant funded by the PSEG Foundation. He explained the grant award is for the creation of a Pollinator Garden at Havens Farm, where the Community Garden is located. He said the project will transform a large field into a Monarch and pollinator meadow and adds a 20x20-foot plot of native pollinator plants in the middle of the community garden and this garden will attract native pollinator plants in the middle of the community garden.

**Authorize Acceptance of Emergency Management Performance Grant – 2022**

Councilwoman Pontoriero 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 advised these funds are used to offset the salary of the Township's Deputy Emergency Management Officer.

**Authorize Submission of Grant Application – NJDOT 2023 Municipal Aid Program**

Mayor Ducey stated this resolution authorizes the submission of a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2023 Municipal Aid program. He advised the application request is to elevate portions of Bayview Drive from Drum Point Road to Vanard Drive

**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Computer & Printer Supplies**

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for computer and printer supplies. She said the current contract is for one year and will expire on August 27, 2022. She advised to date they have spent approximately \$19,000 to maintain the Township's computer system, printers, fax machines, etc.

**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Automotive Parts, Supplies & Repairs for Vehicles Under 15,000 GVW**

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution is to authorize the receipt of bids for automotive parts, supplies and repairs for vehicles under 15,000 gross vehicle weight. He said this bid is for various repairs to Township vehicles to be done on an as-needed basis.

### **Authorize Receipt of Bids – Roadway Improvements – Riviera Beach Phase III**

Mayor Ducey stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for roadway improvements in the Riviera Beach Phase 3 project that includes Jefferson Court, Lincoln Court, Madison Court, 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Walnut Drive and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

### **Authorize Award of Contract through Bergen County Cooperative – Workforce Ready Annual Maintenance & Support**

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes an award of contract to SHI International Corporation in the amount of \$138,742.32 for Workforce Ready Annual Maintenance and Support. She advised Workforce Ready is the Township's time management and payroll system. She noted this contract is being made through the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance.

### **Authorize Change Order No. 1 – Road Improvements to Lawrence Drive & Old Silverton Road**

President Minichino stated this resolution authorizes a change order in the amount of \$3,955.40 in the contract with Z Brothers Concrete Contractors for the roadway improvements to Lawrence Drive and Old Silverton Road project. He explained the change order is the result of an additional stormwater manhole structure which is required to shift the layout of the proposed stormwater pipe system.

### **Authorize Renewal of a Lease Agreement with the Brick Township Police Athletic League**

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the renewal of a lease agreement with the Police Athletic League for the property on Drum Point Road. She advised the lease agreement is renewed for an additional five years. She said the PAL has a history of providing community programs and offers the recreational facilities on site to the PAL membership as well as the general public.

### **Support Increase of Veterans Property Tax Deduction**

Mayor Ducey stated this resolution supports an increase in the veteran's property tax deduction, which was established in 1947 and provides a deduction of \$250.00 to eligible veterans. He said this resolution lobbies for an increase in the property tax deduction to provide the men and women who have served our Nation in the armed forces with a greater level of property tax relief.

### **Support Senate Bill S-1697 and Assembly Bill A-757**

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution supports a Senate and Assembly bill that allows volunteer firefighters and first aid or rescue squad members to claim an additional exemption of \$5,000 to be taken as a deduction from their gross income if they meet certain requirements.

### **Authorize 2022-2023 Liquor License Renewals without Restrictions – Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses**

Clerk Iannarone stated 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 Friday; and retail plenary distribution licenses: Forbes Wine & Liquors, Lenape Buy-Rite, Brick Town Liquors, Wine Shoppe, NJ Wine Gallery, Brick Liquors, Buy Rite of Brick, Wine World and Joe Canal's Discount Liquor; and club licenses to: American Legion Post #348, Knights of Columbus, Brick Elks, Metedeconk River Yacht Club, Riviera Beach Boat Club and Shore Acres Yacht Club.

### **Authorize 2022-2023 Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License Renewals with Restrictions:**

Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

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

### **Bond Releases/Reductions:**

Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

- Inspection Fund Release for J&M Brick, LLC on Brick Boulevard in the amount of \$829.60.
- Inspection Fund Release for Awards of Bricktown, LLC on Brick Boulevard in the amount of \$1,331.84.

**Tax Collector:**

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes for Block 172 Lot 7.01.
- 100% DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes for Block 1046 Lot 16.
- 100% Widow of DAV Refund & Cancel Taxes for Block 1026.01 Lot 2.
- Tax Overpayments for 2021.

President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Nan Coll, 18 Green Briar Boulevard, asked if there was a five-year plan for roadway improvements and commented on the roads in Green Briar II.

Mayor Ducey explained the multi-year plan and the process on how engineering determines the roads that need improvements and how it is incorporated in the Capital budget.

Larry Reid, 475 Normandy Drive, thanked the Mayor and Council for the resolution supporting an increase in the Veteran's property tax deduction.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, questioned if the liquor license fee is the same as last year.

Clerk Iannarone advised the renewal fee is the same.

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 Councilman Halloran to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call; except:  
President Minichino ABSTAINED on Teamsters.

**2022 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$2,384,414.36**

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 Councilwoman Zapcic and seconded by Councilman Halloran to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

**2022 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,845,869.86**

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 various reforestation in various areas in Brick.

Nan Coll, 18 Green Briar Boulevard, stated her displeasure with not having caucus meetings; she spoke about today being Flag Day.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, questioned what the cost saving would be by not having a caucus meeting; he questioned where he could review the bill resolutions; he stated his concerns about school security.

Clerk Iannarone advised the bill resolutions are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Joanne Bergin and Mayor Ducey addressed his concerns with school security.

Michael, National Avenue, addressed his concerns with the bamboo growing back and stated his displeasure with the contractor for the bamboo removal.

Joanne Bergin advised she will have the park supervisor go out to the site and they will address the issue this week.

There were no further comments from the public.

President Minichino closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey mentioned all the upcoming events for July and August; he spoke about Flag Day.

Councilwoman Zapcic gave particulars on the upcoming Garden Club's Secret Gardens Tea & Tour.

Councilwoman deJong congratulated all the Brick Graduates.

President Minichino commented and thanked Marguerite Weiss for her story of living with Dystonia.

Motion by Councilwoman Zapcic 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