

September 13, 2022

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 (7:04pm)
Council President Vince Minichino

Also Present

Mayor John G. Ducey
Kevin Starkey, 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 Press 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).

The meeting began with a salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

Motion by Councilman Halloran and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 23, 2022 Meetings and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Council President Minichino ABSTAINED due to his absence.

Presentation

Eagle Scout Awards – Gage W. Bartolucci and Rafael M. Gonzales-Trelles, BSA Troop 39

Mayor Ducey introduced Gage and Rafael and presented a certificate of commendation to each of the scouts for their achievement of rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout Bartolucci spoke of his project of installing a US flag disposal box at the Brick Reservoir. Eagle Scout Gonzales-Trelles said he worked on the Victory Garden at American Legion Post #129 constructing four garden beds and by doing so, doubled the food supplied for veterans in need. He stated his Dad is a veteran so he wanted to help. Both scouts thanked their parents and leaders for their support.

Motion by Councilman Albanese and seconded by Council Vice President Crate to adopt the following resolutions.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities – Handicapped ROID Grant 2022

Councilwoman Zapcic advised this resolution authorizes the insertion of grant in the amount of \$8,800.00 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant. Each year, the Recreation Department applies for this grant for an inclusionary program for children with Intellectual disabilities and those without intellectual disabilities.

Authorize Temporary Right-Of-Entry, Right-Of-Way – Renourishment Project – Block 37, Lot 10, 11 & 12

Councilman Halloran advised this resolution authorizes access of Township beachfront property as needed for the Army Corps to complete the necessary beach renourishment.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Fletcher Street Drainage Extension

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the Fletcher Street Drainage Extension project.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Addition to Access Control System.

Councilwoman deJong said this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for additions to the Access Control System, otherwise known as the key fob access found in most hallways throughout Town Hall. There are additional doors that need this system installed not only at

Town Hall, but also at the new senior center on Aurora Drive and for the new police special operations building that will be erected in the rear of the Town Hall property.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Professional Services

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for 2023 professional services.

Authorize Rebid for Purchase & Delivery of Construction Supplies

Council Vice President Crate said this resolution authorizes the rebid for the purchase and delivery of construction supplies. No bids were received when the Township first advertised on September 2; therefore, purchasing is requesting to rebid.

Authorize Award of Contract – Heating, Ventilating & Air Conditioning Maintenance & Repair Services.

Council President Minichino advised this resolution authorizes an award of contract for heating, ventilating and air conditioning maintenance and repairs services to Unitemp Mechanical Degrees in the amount not to exceed \$65,000 per year for a two-year term. Bid notices were provided to 66 prospective bidders and 10 picked up bid packages. Two bids were received, with Unitemp being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Authorize Award of Contract – Computer & Printer Supplies

Councilman Halloran stated this resolution authorizes an award of contract for computer and printer supplies to MRA International and The Tree House at an approved schedule of prices. This is a unit price bid not to exceed \$50,000.00. Bid notices were provided to 67 prospective bidders and 15 bidders picked up packages. Three bids were received, with one being deemed non-responsive due to missing information.

Authorize Close Out Change Order #1 – Windward Beach Park ADA Improvements

Councilwoman Zapcic explained this resolution authorizes a close out and change order decrease in the amount of \$207.09 in the contract with Earle Asphalt Company for the Windward Beach Park ADA Improvement project. The change order decrease is the result of final as-built quantities.

Authorize Close Out Change Order #2 – Bayside Park Improvements.

Councilwoman deJong said this resolution authorizes a close out and change order decrease in the amount of \$34,400.00 in the contract with Precise Construction for the Bayside Park Improvement Project. The change order decrease is the result of final as-built quantities.

Authorize Close Out Change Order #1 – Bay Harbor Phase I Roadway Improvements

Councilwoman Pontoriero advised this resolution authorizes a close out and change order decrease in the amount of \$83,043.31 in the contract with Mecco Inc for the Bay Harbor Phase 1 Roadway Improvement Project. The change order decrease is the result of final as-built quantities.

Authorize Close Out Change Order #1 – Quail Run – Jaywood Manor Drive Roadway Improvements

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes a close out and change order decrease in the amount of \$70,503.40 in the contract with Mecco Inc for the Quail Run/Jaywood Manor Roadway Improvements Project. The change order decrease is the result of final as-built quantities.

Authorize Close Out Change Order #2 Roadway Improvements – Vanard Drive, Mathis Drive & Waterway Court

Councilman Halloran said this resolution authorizes a close out and change order increase in the amount of \$57,571.83 in the contract with Mecco Inc for the Roadway Improvements to Vanard Drive, Mathis Drive and Waterway Court project. The change order increase is the result of final contract quantities.

Authorize Refunds – Police Road Job Accounts

Councilwoman Pontoriero advised this resolution authorizes refunds in the police road job accounts.

Authorization to Cancel Grants – 2022 Click It or Ticket It & 2021 Pump-out Boat.

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes the cancellation of unexpended monies in two grants: the 2022 Click or Ticket program and the 2021 Pump Out Boat.

Authorize Liquor License Transfer – Munson of Brick Wings LLC t/a Buffalo Wild Wings.

Councilman Halloran explained this resolution authorizes a person-to-person transfer of a plenary retail consumption license to Munson of Brick Wings, otherwise known as Buffalo Wild Wings.

Authorize Placement of Liens:

Clerk Lynnette Iannarone advised of placement of liens on the following properties:

- Removal of Debris & Clean-up for Block 673.15, Lot 3 in the amount of \$312.80; Block 324.37, Lot 2 in the amount of \$208.53.
- Removal of Debris & Clean-up for Block 1427.01, Lot 21, 6/30/22 in the amount of \$126.29
- Removal of Debris & Clean-up for Block 1427.01, Lot 21, 8/30/22 in the amount of \$85.06

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Clerk Lynnette Iannarone advised of the following:

- Inspection Fund Release for Alan J. Cornblatt, Block 867, Lot 9 in the amount of \$391.42.
- Performance Bond Release for Robert Brooks, Block 142.31, Lot 5.05 in the amount of \$3,399.98.
- Inspection Fund Release for LeNoci Realty – Block 382.20, Lot 35 in the amount of \$655.81.

Tax Collector:

Business Administrator Joanne Bergin advised of the following:

- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 194.06, Lot 4
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 124, Lot 11.02
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 1404.03, Lot 41
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 1422.07, Lot 15
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 1210.10, Lot 10
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 380.13, Lot 23
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 701.08, Lot 16
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 211.04, Lot 32
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 870.01, Lot 4
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 383.32, Lot 16
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 1192.27, Lot 80
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 903.02, Lot 11
- Tax Overpayment – 2021 – Block 252.18, Lot 69
- Tax Overpayments – 2022 – Block 1427, Lot 6; Block 869.02, Lot 3; Block 622, Lot 21
- Cancellation of Special District Taxes – 2022 – Block 1500, Lots 1, 2 & 3. This refund is for three Verizon properties that were billed incorrectly. Business personal property should be charged at the general tax rate and not as Special District taxes.

Council President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, said she has problems with using a consent agenda. She also asked why block and lots are used and not addresses.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

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

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard asked why bill resolutions aren't part of the consent agenda. She also noted that the first two resolutions shouldn't have been part of the consent agenda.

There were no further comments from the public.

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

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

2022 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$4,290,028.86

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

Motion by Council Vice President Crate and seconded by Councilman Albanese to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

2022 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,932,073.28

Ordinance on First Reading: Amending Chapter 329 – “Registration of Defaulted Mortgage and Vacant Property”

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

Councilman Halloran explained that in 2018 the Township contracted with Pro Champs to handle the registration of vacant and abandoned properties in the Township. In August 2021, a Superior Court ruling determined that municipalities had a legitimate interest in passing regulations seeking to address vacant and abandoned properties. However, ordinances in question too broadly define what a vacant and abandoned home is, and required municipalities to better define vacant and abandoned properties. This ordinance amends our existing ordinance to bring in line with the goals outlined by the Judge and address the Court’s ruling.

Motion by Councilman Albanese 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 THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, CHAPTER 329, TO BE ENTITLED "REGISTRATION OF DEFAULTED MORTGAGE AND VACANT PROPERTY"

Ordinance on Second Reading: Adopting Chapter 257 – Light Trespass in Residential Areas

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

Councilman Halloran explained the Council’s Land Use Committee is requesting this ordinance to address light pollution at residential properties. The ordinance includes a prohibition on light trespassing in residential areas and outlines prohibited acts. Those include: placing or maintaining spotlights or other types of artificial lighting that provide a concentrated beam of light extending beyond any property lines; and placing or maintaining spotlights or other types of artificial lighting extending beyond the vertical plane of the face of any building or structure that causes a beam of light to be reflected upon any adjoining property or public street. Motion detector lights are exempt. The police, code enforcement and zoning will have the ability to enforce this code. Existing lights are not grandfathered.

Council President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Dorothy Montgomery, 8 Ritchie Court, said she was with her husband Scott and they both support this ordinance. They bought their home in 2021 and there are 15 high wattage lights on a neighboring property on from dusk till dawn. They tried planting shrubs and added blinds in their home but it does not help she provided photos.

George Matreyek, [REDACTED] stated they have a new neighbor that has six spotlights that shine into their bedroom window on from dusk till dawn. They cannot open their windows due to the lights. He urged the council to pass this ordinance.

Barbara Matreyek, [REDACTED] said they have a small green house and they had plantation shutters installed but it did not help block the blinding lights coming from their new neighbors. She stated she hasn't had a decent night's sleep and it is affecting their health. She also hopes the council will pass this ordinance.

Linda Tuorto, 104 Courtshire Drive, said she has a problem with lights from a neighbor who deliberately shines them on her and her property. They are blinding and she's tried replacing windows, installed a canopy and even called the police. Her neighbor also speaks to her through a camera that also faces her home. She tried going to her association in Lions Head North but they could not help her. The police also spoke with her neighbor. She hopes the ordinance will help the police to enforce the situation.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, suggested Ms. Tuorto check her Lions Head North by-laws. She said that the ordinance should include more wording for motion and street lights.

Councilman Halloran said wording was included for motion detection lights. They are exempt and must turn off within ten minutes.

David Panebianco, 503 Glenwood Avenue asked if it would affect his porch light and whether or not warnings would be issued. He said he was not clear with the ordinance regarding spot lights.

Attorney Kevin Starkey advised Code Enforcement would give a warning.

Business Administrator Joanne Bergin said a warning is always given first.

Councilman Halloran added that it will not affect the typical porch light.

Council Vice President Crate suggested Mr. Panebianco look at the photos. She said this ordinance is for extreme situations.

Charles Bacon, 366 Rancocas Drive, suggested grandfathered provisions be included, especially with the uptick of crime. He said some streets in town are completely dark and without street lights. He asked if the council has spoken to citizens and how many complaints were received. He also wanted to know if they were receiving good feedback. He suggested the council delay the ordinance because it needs to further explain what is permitted.

Chris Demetriou, 11 Ritchie Court, asked the council not to consider grandfathering any lights. He said no one has the right to impact their neighbors.

Lori Molz, 740 Drum Point Road, thanked the council for considering this ordinance. She said it will help her enjoy her life again. She said there are things that can be done with these lights so they are not so intrusive such as installing shields, using lower wattage or lumen bulbs, direct them to their own property or simply turn off. She said she hopes the ordinance passes.

Linda Tuorto, 104 Courtshire Drive, said it is a quality of life issue and invasion of privacy and was upset that the police could not do anything about it.

Nora Hogan, 9 Ritchie, stated there was no recourse but to get the Township support.

Councilwoman Pontoriero replied to Mr. Bacon's comments and said the ordinance is very clear. What's not permitted is to trespass onto other people's properties. She said they did not invent the ordinance, it has been done in several other towns. She said that she has been contacted by 12-15 residents with this complaint and this ordinance will allow Code Enforcement and the Police Department to end light trespassing.

Council Vice President Crate said they have a responsibility to help all residents and invasive lights are a detriment to people's lives.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Halloran and seconded by Council Vice President Crate to adopt the following Ordinance on Second 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 ADOPTING CHAPTER 257
ENTITLED LIGHT TRESPASS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Ordinance on Second Reading: Authorize Agreement with LCP Sports II Urban Renewal, LLC

Clerk Lynnette Iannarone read the title of the Ordinance into the Record.

Mayor Ducey explained this ordinance establishes a Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement with Sports II Urban Renewal LLC, developers of the Superdome site. The sports dome developers have faced financial challenges as a direct result of the pandemic and its effect on the economy. The developer is fully committed to the Superdome project in Brick but cannot raise the capital without a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with Brick Township. Tax exemptions, abatements and collection of payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) are authorized by the New Jersey Constitution. In PILOT agreements, an annual service charge replaces the conventional tax on improvements. Annual service charges are a critical tool in the municipal toolkit to effectuate redevelopment of underutilized and unproductive properties by helping to close the feasibility gap. The term is the earlier of 30 years from Redevelopment Project completion or 35 years from the execution of the Financial Agreement. The PILOT is based on a percentage of project revenue or percentage of project cost. He said that the annual service charge works as a municipal lien, collected in the same manner as conventional property taxes. After expiration of the Financial Agreement, the property is subject to conventional property taxes. He added there is "but for" criteria which must be met, meaning "but for" the Annual Service Charge, the redevelopment project would not be built as designed by the developer and approved by the municipality. This project meets those requirements. Five percent of the PILOT is paid to the County, with 95 percent going to the Township (the Township currently keeps less than 1/3 of conventional tax dollars). The school district will also benefit in the guaranteed use of time at the facility for no cost. He added that the Foodtown site has been under used for a number of years and that the township did not need more residential or retail. He said in the first year they would receive \$148,799.00. And the PILOT would go away if the sports dome goes away. There would be annual reporting and increases based upon revenue. A lot of residents have said they cannot wait for this project.

Council President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Ordinance.

David Panebianco, 503 Glenwood Avenue, understood Mayor's explanation but said they lost \$1.1 million in the sale and property value increase and questioned why they would give a tax abatement for thirty (30) years, its excessive. He asked why the township does not build it and how much they will lose over this time? He said his taxes keep going up and he does not want to support a sports dome.

Mayor Ducey replied its not a tax abatement and it was either 30 or 35 years and it will escalate all throughout that time at different percentages in stage adjustments.

Councilwoman deJong reiterated that the Township would be receiving 95 percent of the payment and it would not affect his taxes.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, said there should be caucus meetings to discuss every word. There is not enough information for the public.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, asked how many PILOT agreements the Township has.

Mayor Ducey replied none that he's aware of.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, advised he researched the N.J. Law for large development projects in areas in need of redevelopment and that there are shorter terms for existing or new

construction of 5 years for abatement.

Councilwoman deJong said it is an exemption, an annual service charge.

Attorney Kevin Starkey explained that an abatement is no taxes, they are not doing that, this is a PILOT. He said they have the redevelopment attorney present tonight and he can better explain.

Redevelopment Attorney Kevin McManinon said an abatement reduces it and an exemption deals with new projects and a new tax obligation. There is a subtle distinction. He works on them every day and they are frequently encountered. If they (sports dome) make more money, the Township gets more money and the percentage will go up significantly.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, was concerned that the school district loses. He said that he spoke with school and they were not pleased. He questioned how much court time and free time would be made available to the schools? He said it doesn't seem fair that the school gets zero dollars for 30 years.

Council Vice President Crate replied if no PILOT, no sports dome and the school would still get zero dollars.

Mayor Ducey said he spoke with the athletic director and he was very pleased with getting use of the facility. So is the superintendent.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive said the school is getting zero and their funding keeps getting cut.

Mayor Ducey replied that the sports dome has no impact on the school district.

Councilman Halloran said the Township would be getting more revenue and that will hold taxes down.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, said his taxes would increase regardless and his biggest portion of his taxes goes to the school taxes.

Councilwoman Pontoriero said the town exists of 25 percent senior citizens and they need to get every dime for the Township. It's better than having the lot vacant.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, said he's been living in Brick since 1970 and his taxes have gone up every year. He was told spending and taxes would be cut. He said he worked on campaigns and feels betrayed. He asked the council to spend their money responsibly.

Charlie Bacon, 366 Rancocas Drive, asked if they do the PILOT if some of the money go to the school? The school is losing \$4.7 million this year alone.

George Scott, 16 Queen Ann Road, said he read the ordinance and questioned if a new entity is involved because there is name change, HFZ, since the original agreement in 2018.

Mayor Ducey advised Pete Taska is still involved and moved to Point Pleasant to be closer to the project. The major partner pulled out and now there are minor partners.

George Scott, 16 Queen Ann Road, said this ordinance needs more work. It refers to exhibits but nothing was attached. He also asked if it could be less than 30 years. The ordinance is very misleading and they promised everything in 2018. It should not be on the backs of the Brick taxpayers.

Redevelopment Attorney Kevin McManinon said the max time is 30 years but it could be less.

George Scott, 16 Queen Ann Road, said there is nothing in the ordinance regarding the use of the facility for the school and asked what if there is no time available and asked how they can vote on something without having all of the information.

Mayor Ducey said that is in the agreement.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia court said he goes to the school board meetings and while he is happy the Township will be getting money they should share it with the schools. Their funding loss has led to staff being let go.

David Panebianco, 503 Glenwood Avenue, asked what if something goes wrong will they still get the money if they make less or what if they go bankrupt?

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, said that they should have purchased the Ice Palace years ago. That facility had a pool, ice rink and dormitory for visiting teams.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilwoman Zapcic and seconded by Councilwoman deJong to adopt the following ordinance on Second Reading and said Ordinance be published as provided by law:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Councilman Albanese vote NAY

Councilwoman Pontoriero was not present for the vote.

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY APPROVING APPLICATION FOR A LONG TERM TAX EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH LCP SPORTS II URBAN RENEWAL, LLC

Ordinances on Second Reading: Amend Chapter 460 – “Vehicles, Operation Of.”

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

Council Vice President Crate advised the Township received comments back from the Fish & Wildlife on the required *“Township of Brick Beach Management Plan for the Protection of Federally & State-Listed Species.”* This plan is a requirement of the Beach Replenishment Project scheduled for renourishment later this year. In its review, Fish & Wildlife made a comment specific to this ordinance. Fish and Wildlife requested the ordinance be amended to ensure protection of habitat areas. The Township agreed to protect these habitats with signage and fencing. Also, modifying the beach buggy permit application so that applicants recognize and agree not to drive on habitat areas. Additionally, Brick PD will enforce the beach areas during buggy permit season to ensure compliance. At this time, the date remains through the end of April as it has been for many years.

Council President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Ordinance.

There were no comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Halloran and seconded by Council Vice President Crate to adopt the following Ordinance on Second Reading and said Ordinance be published as provided by law:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Councilwoman Pontoriero was not present for the vote.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 460 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “VEHICLES, OPERATION OF,” TO

Council President Minichino opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, said this was a great meeting with a lot of interest. He read his letter from September 7 requesting the New Jersey Turnpike Authority install a pollution and sound wall and replant trees in various locations in the Township. He asked the Mayor and Council to support its citizens.

George Brown, Beach Buggy Association, thanked the Mayor and Council for passing the beach buggy ordinance. He said in emails their association offered to assist with fencing and signage to protect the endangered species and is still willing to do so.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, spoke about a code enforcement letter she received regarding trees and also mentioned a drainage issue near her property. She said she believes these issues should be addressed by her association.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, thanked the redevelopment attorney for clarifying the PILOT and that it did not have to be 30 years. He reported about numerous illegal signs along Brick Boulevard promoting an upcoming church event in another town and asked for code enforcement to address.

Business Administrator Bergin advised code enforcement contacts sign owners and also removes them.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, was criticizing and making accusations about some council members and said the constitution gives him the right to criticize and he did not appreciate being interrupted and he is owed an apology.

Charlie Bacon, 366 Rancocas Drive, said he appreciates the access to the agenda on the website but asked if there was a way to number the pages for easier access. He also said the PILOT Ordinance should have included the agreement and use of facility schedule exhibits as referenced.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Business Administrator Joanne Bergin said if she interrupted Mr. Foster, she apologizes.

Mayor Ducey responded to the resident about tax cuts. He said he never said he would cut taxes but stabilize taxes while maintaining services. He said that for 9 years as Mayor, he and the council have done that. With regards to the sports dome, they did look into doing in-house but it was too costly. When they visited one in Woodbridge, it had 84 employees so besides salaries, there would be health insurance and pension costs involved. They had room to have warehouses built in their township, and with PILOT programs for those warehouses, they were able to use that money to offset their costs. Brick is basically built out and couldn't do that. He said that he is conservative and the reason the PILOT did not include the school is because there is no impact on the school. Their budget is their budget but he did not want to exclude the schools so incorporated the use of the facility. The Township has wanted a sports complex and they used the toolkit from the State to make it happen. He thanked the Council for passing the ordinance. He admitted he was not originally a fan of PILOTs but it was a way to get this project done and now they are that much closer to it. He said this will be the biggest ground breaking in Brick and will be the jewel centerpiece for the Town.

Councilman Halloran congratulated Eagle Scouts Gage and Rafael on their accomplishments.

Council President advised the next meeting will be held on September 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilwoman deJong and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to Adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Vince Minichino
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk