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A 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.

Township Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in the Asbury Park Press and The Ocean Star on January 27, 2023. 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))

Present

Councilman Perry Albanese  
Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero  
Councilman Derrick T. Ambrosino  
Councilman Vince Minichino  
Councilwoman Melissa Travers  
Council Vice President Andrea Zapcic  
Council President Heather deJong

Also Present

Lisa Crate, Mayor  
Kevin Starkey, Township Attorney  
Lynnette A. Iannarone, Township Clerk  
Joanne Bergin, Business Administrator

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Pack #38 and was followed by a moment of silence.

The Council accepted the Reports from Municipal Officers and Council President deJong asked Clerk Iannarone to file same.

Motion by Councilman Ambrosino and seconded by Council Vice President Zapcic to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the March 14, 2023 Meeting and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Mayor Crate administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Councilwoman Melissa Travers alongside her family. Councilwoman Travers took her seat on the dais.

**Budget Presentations:**

**Recreation**

Dan Santaniello presented the budget for the Recreation Department as follow: He expressed his gratitude to Mayor Crate, Council President deJong, Vice President Zapcic, members of the Council, and our Business Administrator and stated on behalf of the Recreation Staff, and he is pleased to present their 2023 budget. He said that the Recreation Department's mission is to unify the community by providing first-rate programs and facilities that help promote a healthy and enriching lifestyle. The goal as a staff is to create a small community feel with a large community presence to elevate the social, cultural, and physical well-being of the citizens of Brick Township and the visitors to the community. He explained that the Recreation Department is continuing its expansion of programs for the 2023 year. They will be adding a brand-new summer program for our Preschool aged children. The core preschool program is also getting revamped with the addition of more class time hours. This restructuring will greatly help meet the needs of parents and will also ensure that they remain a top preschool choice in the community. Due to the success of the Pickleball and Wrestling programs, they will continue to expand clinics throughout the year. He said that the Recreation Department is excited to be continuing to grow its newest sports program - Track and Field. Currently, the Brick Township middle schools do not offer this sport, so they are helping to fill that void. Lastly, they are bringing back the much-loved Senior Prom this year, after a few years' hiatus. The Recreational Department staff are thrilled to be able to continue offering the community such wonderful programs and events. Last year, Brick Beaches set a record for the third consecutive year in sales! They generated \$581,728.71 in beach badge and parking passes, which is a 16.4 percent increase from the previous years \$486,092.25. This year's salary and wage budget for 2023 has a 3.5 percent increase, most of this is due to the minimum wage increase and the need to address lifeguard salaries. The seasonal staff includes 60 lifeguards and 21 badges checkers. They will have about 40 returning lifeguards who are recognized for being some of the best trained lifeguards at the Jersey Shore. Between these guards and badges checkers, they will once again be able to provide beachgoers with a clean, safe and well managed beach. The operating budget is decreasing by \$10.00. Trader's Cove

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Marina and Park had another successful season. In 2022, Trader's Cove Marina and Park generated \$174,604.70 in net revenue for its operations, which does not include debt service. This summer they will have all 120 boat slips rented. They also had 116 boats for winter storage this year which brought in \$139,665.40. The boat ramp generated \$51,400.00 in revenue. This year they will keep progressing and continue to improve the lives of the community. The entire staff has done a fantastic job in keeping the mission statement true to its word. He said that none of this would be possible without their extraordinary work.

### **Public Works**

Stephen Krakovsky presented the budget for the Public Works Department as follows: He thanked everyone for the opportunity to present a brief overview of the Department of Public Works, which includes Utility Crew, Solid Waste Collection & Recycling, Buildings & Grounds, and Vehicle Maintenance. He explained that the Sanitation Department makes more than 2.7 million stops per year to residents' homes. In 2022, they collected 38,882 tons of solid waste. The salary and wage budget for sanitation decreased 7.6 percent based on actual salary & wage expenditures last year and the operating budget increased by \$31,000 due to increases in the cost of recycling dumpsters, uniforms, hand tools, shovels, brooms etc. and the increase in the outside contractor line item, which provides funds for the interlocal agreement with the Ocean County Road Department. The Sanitation Department is proud to serve the residents and takes great pride in serving Brick Township. The Township's Recycling Coordinator, spearheads an active and successful recycling program that resulted in 9,647 tons of Single Stream Recycling in 2022. In addition, 10,200 cubic yards of brush and 5,580 cubic yards of leaves were collected. The Recycling Coordinator does an excellent job educating business owners, the general public and the school students. They have multiple approaches to education including special events, brochures and giveaways that outline the recycling do's and don'ts. The Utility Crew does an outstanding job year-round. Along with all the drainage repairs and replacements, the crew also fills potholes, fixes sinkholes and seals cracks in the streets. The salary & wage budget for the utility crew is included in the sanitation budget. The operating budget for the Utility Crew decreased 31 percent this year as they reduced the outside contractor budget to be more in-line with actual expenditures. He explained that the 17 employees on the all-purpose crew fill in when sanitation needs drivers; they take care of all of the potholes, operate the street sweeper and Jet Vac, and complete necessary drainage projects. They also take care of Township parking lots and the public beaches and immediately respond, as needed, for brush and tree removal following weather events. In 2022, In-House Construction started the renovation of the New Seniors/ EMS building on Aurora Drive. In 2023, they will finish the Senior building and begin work on the interior of the new Special Operations Building in the back of Town Hall. The work of the 11-member In-house Construction crew has saved the Township hundreds of thousands of dollars compared to the cost of hiring outside contractors. The employees on this crew complete a significant list of projects that would cost much more to outsource - and they do a better job! The Buildings and Grounds crew ensures the functionality of all Township properties including Town Hall, DPW, Civic Plaza, the Senior Center, Havens Farm, the EMS buildings and more. The Buildings & Grounds salary & wage budget increased 10 percent based on the additional overtime needed to complete large-scale projects while still getting the everyday maintenance work needed at Township properties. The operating budget increased 1.6 percent. Vehicle Maintenance includes 7 exceptional mechanics, 2 supervisors and a shop keeper. They service more than 300 vehicles for the township, including all sanitation trucks, dump trucks, plows/sanders, police vehicles, ambulances, boats and also heavy equipment. The salary and wage budget for vehicle maintenance decreased 5 percent based on actual salary & wage expenditures last year and the operating budget increased 6 percent based on actual expenditures from last year for equipment parts and repairs. This amount is also subject to fluctuation based on the fleet and needed repairs. The Township's Sign Shop has two staff members who manufacture and install hundreds of signs annually. They also mark Township vehicles and are responsible for striping Township facilities as needed. Last but not least, are the professional and knowledgeable office staff that operate the Call Center at DPW. The Call Center consists of 4 exceptional employees who answered 91,123 calls in 2022 from residents and assisted them with their requests. He said that they use an electronic database system that logs bulk, metal, brush, leaves, potholes, sinkholes and other residents' requests. That concludes my report.

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### **Parks Department**

Rob Byrnes presented the Parks Department budget. He said that on behalf of the Parks Department, he would like to take a moment to thank the Mayor, the Business Administrator, the Council President, Vice President and Council Members for your continued leadership. He is pleased to present the Parks Department Budget for 2023. He explained that the Parks Department is a division under the Department of Public Works. The 18 full-time employees, 3 part-time and additional seasonal employees oversee the township parks, sports field and grounds for all township facilities. These employees maintain 20 Parks, 10 Basketball Courts, 8 Tennis Courts, 5 Pickle Ball Courts, 3 Bocce Courts, 2 Skate Parks, 3 Horseshoe pits, 3 Football Fields, 15 Soccer Fields, 2 Cornhole Game Areas, 6 miles of Bike Trails and 22 Softball and Baseball Fields. They are also responsible for all playground and picnic area maintenance and repairs and maintain the sports fields including the 40-acre sports complex at Drum Point. This complex is consistently recognized as one of the best in the state. This year they will be remodeling the Drum Point Skate Park and converting it to a bike and scooter park. The salary/wage budget increased 1 percent and the overall all budget increased 22 percent as a result of the sharp increase in the cost of equipment parts for repairs and hazardous tree removals. The contracts for the solar field maintenance and lake management increased also. They worked hard this year to reduce overtime. He said that they currently manage over 225 irrigation zones with 2,500 plus sprinkler heads. There are 147 acres of grass fields maintained by the Parks Department. There are also many intersections road sides and detention basins maintained by the Parks Department. In addition, they maintain all township owned properties such as Town Hall, Civic Center, and the Cultural Arts Center. One of the most time-consuming tasks is the annual fall and spring leaf collections. This process takes approximately 10 weeks for the Fall – beginning at the end of October until the second week in January and they then move into Christmas Tree collection for three weeks. Spring leaf collection begins in April for approximately three weeks. Throughout the year they pick-up brush and leaves, deliver and repair township issued automated cans and complete tax liens issued by the township code enforcement department. Outside of the daily maintenance of all the above-mentioned areas they also oversee Lake Management, Fertilization Program, Solar Field Maintenance, and Synthetic Field Cleaning. This year they will continue to be responsible for the Windward Beach Maintenance. The department continues to take on more responsibilities as they move forward in renovating the parks. We look forward to that challenge and will continue to work hard in keeping them safe and enjoyable for all of the Brick Residents.

### **Ordinance on First Reading:**

#### **Cap Rate Ordinance**

Clerk Iannarone read the Title of the Ordinance into the Record.

Council Vice President Zapcic explained this ordinance allows the Township to establish a cap bank for future use. The ordinance allows for increases for budget appropriations, and allows the Township to bank any unused monetary room. This cap bank ordinance allows the Township to increase budget appropriations by 3.5 percent over the prior year's appropriations and to bank any unused appropriation room for the next two succeeding years. She explained that this ordinance is simply precautionary and is not funded through a tax increase, since it is only used in subsequent years should they need to fund a one-time expenditure. The monies available by this cap rate index ordinance may be used to offset costs of any future disasters and the need for any future emergency appropriation. They are not generating cash, it is creating the ability to raise money should it be needed. If the funds are not needed in the succeeding two years the bank is simply dissolved.

Motion by Councilman Ambrosino and seconded by Council Vice President Zapcic to adopt the following Ordinance on First Reading and said Ordinance be published as provided by law:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

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Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilman Ambrosino to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**Introduction of 2023 Municipal Budget.**

Clerk Iannarone read the Title of the Resolution into the Record

Mayor Crate addressed Council President deJong, members of the Council, Madam Clerk and residents of Brick Township. She said that tonight, as per New Jersey State Law, she presents her 2023 Municipal Budget to the Township Council. She said that while she has only been the Mayor of this great Township for one month, she has spent a great deal of time working on this year's budget to ensure that it is a fiscally-responsible and one that continues to move the Township forward. She is confident that the budget she is presenting will do just that. She considers the Municipal Budget to be a statement of values and a blueprint for what this administration wants Brick Township to be and how they want to get there. She explained that their goal is to craft a budget that reflects the values of this administration and funds services and programs that will make Brick Township a better place to live while adhering to the fiscally conservative principles that have guided them since 2014 when former Mayor Ducey took office. She said that she is proud to present a municipal budget that provides the funds for the municipal services that the residents of Brick Township have come to rely on and the ones they deserve. Including the Police Department, Dispatchers and EMTs that work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to keep the community safe. It includes Senior Services that provide the older residents with services and programs that help them and enrich their lives including the Recreation Department that provides residents with affordable programming, beaches, events such as the Brick Farmers Market, SummerFest, Fall Fest, Trader's Cove Marina and more. This includes the services provided by the Public Works Department – sanitation and recycling collection, leaf collection, street maintenance and much more. She is equally as proud to say that this year's budget calls for no increase in the local purpose tax rate. She explained that as they prepared the budget, she felt it was important to recognize the financial hardships that the residents of Brick Township have been dealing with due to the current economic climate and inflationary increases in the nation. She did not want to add to those hardships, so she worked with the financial team to produce a budget that did not increase taxes. The proposed 2023 Municipal Budget she is presenting totals \$115,739,974, an increase of roughly 3.4 percent over last year's budget. The administration and its financial team have succeeded in keeping spending below the rate of inflation. Over the past 10 years, the municipal budget has grown 17.5 percent while inflationary growth was 22 percent. Contrast that with the previous ten-year period when municipal budget growth exceeded inflationary growth. From 2004 through 2013, the municipal budget grew 72 percent. This far outpaced the inflationary growth of 23 percent over that same period. This does not speak to any increases in the portions of your property taxes controlled by the Brick Township Public Schools, the Ocean County Government or your local fire district. The Township's portion of the property taxes is roughly 30 percent of the entire bill. One of the priorities of her predecessor was to reduce the Township's outstanding debt. She said that this is something that she intends to do also. This year, the Township's long-term debt stands at \$128,750,678. This is \$39.6 million less than what the debt was on January 1, 2014. This equates to \$528 of debt eliminated for every resident of Brick Township. This debt reduction is the result of carefully considering what projects are necessary to keep Brick Township safe, clean and a great place to live and funding those projects. Moving forward, she will continue to be conservative and deliberate in choosing which projects the township funds through bonding. She knows that the greatest responsibility that elected officials have is to make sure they are being responsible and respectful when spending citizens' hard-earned property tax dollars, that is why this administration works hard to make sure that every single penny they expend is done so with the goal of making Brick Township a better community for all. She said that she loves Brick Township and has lived here for nearly 30 years. She is raising her children here and she hopes that one day they will be raising their children here. This budget reflects her hopes as it provides the funds for the services and programs that make Brick Township what she considers to be the best place in New Jersey to live. The beautiful beaches, the Brick Farmers Market, the Senior Shuttle Bus Service and Dialysis Transportation, SummerFest, the exceptional Police Department and all of the first responders. Everyday services like sanitation and recycling collection and the beautiful parks. This year's budget funds these services while keeping Brick

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Township on the path that will continue to keep it an affordable place to live and raise a family. She thanked the Business Administrator and Chief Financial Officer for their hard work on this budget. Preparing a Municipal Budget is a process that takes many months. She thanks them for their patience and understanding while meeting with her over the past month so she could review the budget carefully with them and make adjustments. They have been an integral part of the budget for the past 10 years and have played a large role in righting the financial ship. She looks forward to continuing to work with them in the future and continuing down that path. She said that she is proud to present her 2023 proposed Municipal Budget to the Township Council for review and adoption. She is confident that as they review this budget, they will find it to be conservative, lean and responsible. As always, Mrs. Bergin and I are always available to discuss any questions, concerns or suggestions as they review the budget. Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with all of you to make Brick Township better.

Council President deJong thanked Mayor Crate for her presentation and advised of the removal of Resolution 7-14 Authorizing the Agreement for Purchase of the Breton Woods Property.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**Authorize Certification of Compliance with US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**

Councilman Minichino advised this resolution certifies compliance with the United State Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This is a requirement by the Division of Local Government Services as part of the 2023 municipal budget submission.

**Authorize Amendment of Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator & Deputy Coordinators**

Councilman Ambrosino stated this resolution authorizes an amendment to the appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators. Deputy Police Chief Steven Gerling is Emergency Management Coordinator with Joseph Pawlowicz Jr. and Ron Gaskill Jr. designated as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators.

**Authorize Submission of Strategic Plan for Brick Municipal Alliance Grant 2024**

Council Vice President Zapcic said that she was delighted to present this resolution as it authorizes submission of a strategic plan for the Brick Municipal Alliance grant fiscal year 2024 in the amount of: Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction grant of \$21,773.00; Cash Match of \$5,443.25 and In-Kind match of \$16,329.75 which is due April 18 and fiscal year starts July 1, 2023.

**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Collision Repairs and Vehicle Painting**

Councilwoman Travers said this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for collision repairs and vehicle painting. This bid is used not only for accidents but also for reconditioning of bodies from normal wear and tear due to inter-departmental transfers. The Township has an approximate expenditure of \$31,000 during this current two-year contract, which will expire on July 14, 2023 with Maaco Collision & Auto Painting, Lakewood.

**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Uniforms for Various Departments**

Councilman Albanese explained this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for uniforms for various departments. This bid covers purchase and delivery of T-shirts, polo shirts, golf shirts and sweat shirts for various programs such as the Recreation Basketball Leagues, Softball Leagues, SummerFest, Lifeguard, Summer Camp Counselor T-Shirts, and Police Camp. This bid is also being used for uniform shirts for Public Works, Tax Assessor, Code Enforcement and others.

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**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Vending Machine Services**

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes receipt of bids for vending machine services at Town Hall and the Department of Public Works.

**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Purchase & Delivery of 6 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles**

Councilwoman Pontoriero advised this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the purchase and delivery of six 2022 or newer Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles.

**Authorize Receipt of Proposals – Registration Program for Vacant & Abandoned Properties Subject to Mortgages in Foreclosure**

Council President deJong advised this resolution authorizes the receipt of proposals for a Town Wide Registration Program for Vacant and Abandoned Properties subject to mortgages that are in foreclosure and generated \$250,000.

**Authorize Termination of Contract & Solicitation of Bids – Brick Beach 1 Food Concession**

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes the termination of the contract with Jersey Shore Snack Shack for the Brick Beach 1 Food concession. This termination was requested by the current vendor. The solicitation of bids is also part of this resolution as they need to secure a vendor for this summer.

**Authorize Award of Contract – Maintenance & Support for New World Public Safety Software Suite**

Councilman Ambrosino explained this resolution authorizes an award of contract to Tyler Technologies, in the amount of \$218,927.40 to provide maintenance and support services for the New World Public Safety Software Suite used by the Police Department. This service falls under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law as an approved exemption which allows for the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software.

**Authorize Award of Contract – Janitorial Services**

Councilwoman Travers said this resolution authorizes an award of contract to One Total Cleaning Services, in the amount of \$115,328.00 per year for a two-year contract to clean Township-owned facilities. Bid notices were provided to 46 prospective bidders from the bidders list and 17 picked up bid packages. Five bids were received with One Total Cleaning being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

**Authorize Award of Contract – Cell Tower Expert**

Councilman Minichino advised this resolution authorizes the award of contract to FSD Enterprises to provide consulting services for the purpose of drafting specifications that shall be used to solicit proposals for the cellular tower lease. In 1998, the Township entered into a contract with Omnipoint Communications (later changed to T-Mobile) for the lease of the monopole located at Town Hall. The term, of the contract was for an initial term of 10 years with the option to renew the contract for three consecutive five-year periods. That contract is expiring in July. FSD Enterprises is a cellular tower consultant who will draft specifications that will be utilized to solicit proposals for the leasing opportunity of the monopole.

**Authorize Lease Agreement with Chamber of Commerce**

Council President deJong stated this resolution authorizes a lease agreement with the Brick Township Chamber of Commerce for space at Civic Plaza. The term of the lease is five years with an option to renew for another five years. The rent will increase 5 percent per year.

**Authorize Fee Modification for Pre-School Program**

Council Vice President Zapic said this resolution authorizes a fee modification for the Township's Pre-School Program. The program is adapting its schedule to be more in-line with the needs of Brick's families, and as a result, is also adjusting the participation fee.

**Authorize Waiving Fee for Volunteer Coaches**

Councilwoman Pontoriero advised this resolution authorizes waiving the fee for the child of a volunteer head coach participating in one of the Township's Recreation Programs.

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**Authorize Special Events Permit – River Rock ‘N Run Relay Event**

Councilman Ambrosino stated this resolution authorizes a special event permit for the River Rock ‘N Run event between the hours of 9 am and noon, Saturday, November 4, starting and ending at the River Rock.

**Authorize New Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License – BRX NJ LICENSE LLC**

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes a new plenary retail distribution liquor license to BRX NJ License for the premises located at 1980 Route 88, Brick.

**Bond Releases/Reductions:**

Clerk Iannarone advised of the following:

- Inspection Fund Release – Briar Mills Village Association in the amount of \$628.24
- Restoration Bond Release – David S. Russell in the amount of \$2,250.00
- Bond & Inspection Fund Releases – Shore Acres Clubhouse, in the amount of \$8,155.07 and a cash bond in the amount of \$582.51
- Performance Guarantee Denial – Nobility Crest/New Visions, Phase 2 as the result of a recommendation by the Township Engineering Department
- Performance Guarantee Denial – Nobility Crest/New Visions, Phase 3 as the result of a recommendation by the Township Engineering Department
- Performance Guarantee Denial – Nobility Crest/New Visions, Phase 4 as the result of a recommendation by the Township Engineering Department
- Performance Guarantee Denial – Nobility Crest/New Visions, Phase 5 as the result of a recommendation by the Township Engineering Department

**Tax Collector**

Business Administrator Bergin advised of the following:

- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 1089.83, Lot 21

Council President deJong opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Nan Coll expressed her concerns regarding the lack of information and said a consent agenda is deficient. She said that she would like to see caucus meetings return. She questioned many of the resolutions.

Council President deJong answered her questions.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President deJong closed the public hearing on the Resolutions

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

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

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call with the exception of Councilman Minichino abstaining on Teamsters.

**2023 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$\$12,793,219.11**

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

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Motion by Councilman Ambrosino and seconded by Council Vice President Zapcic to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**2023 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,828,469.20**

**Ordinance on Second Reading: Amending Chapter 245 to Establish Maximum Accessory Building Height and Setback Requirements**

Clerk Iannarone read the Title of the Ordinance into the Record.

Councilman Minichino advised the Council's Land Use Committee is recommending this ordinance for consideration. Currently there is no height limit in place for accessory structures (garage, sheds, pole barns, etc.) in residential zones. The proposed ordinance limits the height of an accessory structure in residential zones, which varies from 18 feet in the smaller zones to 33 feet in the rural residential zone.

Council President deJong opened the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Nan Coll questioned the height restrictions and set-back requirements.

Business Administrator Bergin advised it varies based on the zone. She said there are six zones and a range of heights. They can go higher on larger properties and lower on smaller ones but would have to check on the set-backs. She advised Ms. Coll to call and ask a staff member to assist her.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President deJong closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Ambrosino and seconded by Councilman Minichino to adopt the following Ordinance on Second Reading and said Ordinance be published as provided by law:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 245 ATTACHMENT 5  
CAPTIONED "SCHEDULE OF AREA, YARD AND BUILDING  
REQUIREMENTS" TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM ACCESSORY BUILDING  
HEIGHT AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS**

**Ordinance on Second Reading: Amending Chapter 324, Peddling & Soliciting**

Clerk Iannarone read the Title of the Ordinance into the Record.

Councilman Minichino explained the Township Council's Land Use and Business & Finance Committees are recommending amending to this ordinance to allow for 10 Class 2 food trucks in the Township. Class 2 licenses allow food trucks to stay in one location for up to 12 hours. The number of food trucks in this category was previously limited to 7. These food trucks can only be parked where they have property owner's permission and require approval by Traffic Safety, Code Enforcement and Zoning. There are three trucks on the wait list at this time. However, if an inquiry comes from a veteran (who must produce a County-issued veteran ID card) he/she would be granted automatic approval. None of these trucks have approval to be on Township property because there are agreements with vendors for Township events.

Council President deJong opened the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Nan Coll asked for the names of the current vendors.

Council President deJong advised that she did not have the information available but was aware there are three trucks on the waiting list.



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There were no further comments from the public.

Council President deJong closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Motion by Council Vice President Zapcic and Seconded by Councilman Ambrosino 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.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK IN CHAPTER 324, "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING"**

**Ordinance on Second Reading: Authorize Acceptance of Donation of Property, Block 673, Lot 44**

Clerk Iannarone read the Title of the Ordinance into the Record.

Council Vice President Zapcic advised the Township Council's Land Use Committee is recommending accepting the donation of this property. The owners of Block 673, Lot 44 reached out to the Township to donate the parcel. It is marshland and cannot be built on. The property has the added benefit of a prime location for the re-use of dredge materials. The property is located behind Cedar Bridge Manor. It's 3.2 acres but 1/3 of it is in the water. It will also add acreage to the open space preservation areas that enhances CRS points.

Council President deJong opened the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Nan Coll commended Council Vice President Zapcic for the complete description and asked exactly where it was located.

Council Vice President Zapcic advised of the location again.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President deJong closed the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Albanese and Seconded by Councilman Ambrosino 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 AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 673 Lot 44 FOR NO CONSIDERATION**

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

John Sluka read his letter which stated the Governor has done so little for the shore area with regards to school taxes and funding and that this should be a non-partisan issue. He also stressed the need for the Turnpike Authority to install 14 ft. sound walls throughout town. He said he was aware the Administration has tried but the Governor does not care about our residents being hurt by the pollution because of votes were lower here for him.

Michele Spector of Evergreen Woods advised that they set-up a Go-Fund Me page to raise monies for the sound barrier. She said that the decimals are over the limit (at 82) and that it's causing her hearing problems. She said her quality of life has diminished and that when she purchased there she was told the Parkway would not move any closer to her home. Wealthier communities get sound walls and noted that President Biden's infrastructure bill does not support sound walls.

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Gary Penzell thanked Council Vice President Zapcic for meeting with their homeowners' association in Seawood Harbor at the end of Drum Point Road near part of the Forsythe Preserve. He said their street has four different names and they have had issues with flooding. The Barnegat Bay surrounds their properties and barriers cannot be installed by the preserve. In February they had 2 days of massive flooding and the school busses could not get through. There are 150 families that could not get out. He asked for funding to raise their roads.

Tony Almeida also from Seawood Harbor stated he was not too impacted because he worked from home but now with health issues or traveling, he could not get out. It becomes a problem with non-refundable airfare or stuck at home with health issues. He encouraged the council to think beyond the budget and make this happen. He said it affects approximately 400 residents. An ambulance cannot get through. There need to be a solution.

Nan Coll asked the council to host a town hall meeting for the people.

Larry Reid congratulated new council member Melissa Travers. He again asked for an increase in the veterans' tax deduction. He gave the clerk copies of information regarding same. He mentioned that tomorrow is National Vietnam War Heroes Day however when they came home they were honored. They were greeted with anger, hate and disrespect. The property tax relief fund was established in 1947 and needs to be increased. In 2011 ACR-26 was introduced to increase the deduction to \$500 annually but the bill is still pending. He asked for council support.

Council President deJong advised that SCR-28 is currently in the senate by our Senator Holzapfel to increase to \$1,250.00 with support from Senators Cryan and Perez.

Mr. Reid said that the local representatives are fully behind an increase but the Governor has decreased this line item on his 2023 budget. Veterans are not getting their fair share.

Council President deJong said she would reach out to Senators Holzapfel and Cryan.

There were no further comments from the public.

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

Mayor Crate advised she has had a couple of busy weeks. She said she had the opportunity to speak to the Senate Appropriations Committee regarding the school aid issue. Some of the funding was given back but that is only a temporary fix, the issue needs to be revisited. All schools should be fully funded. She said she understands some were underfunded but it should not be compensated by putting other districts at risk. She attended the Mock Trial of BTHS v BMHS and BTHS won. She attended Innovate Salon Ribbon Cutting and will be starting Crate Conversations. These will be 10-15 minute segments with various organizations to apprise residents. The first one will be with the Brick Garden Club. The Brick Hero Awards will be held this Friday where we celebrate our everyday heroes. She thanked Cub Scout Pack #38 for leading the pledge of allegiance. She said she met with them prior to the council meeting. She also welcomed new council member Melissa Travers and looks forward to working with her.

Attorney Starkey also welcomed Councilwoman Travers. And with regards to Mr. Reid's suggestion, he advised the council did pass a resolution last year, unanimously, asking for an increase in the veterans' deduction.

Councilman Albanese welcomed Councilwoman Travers and looks forward to working with her.

Councilwoman Pontoriero said that with a background in nursing Councilwoman Travers is highly astute and will do well. She thanked everyone for their budget presentations and was pleased with a zero increase with everything else going up. She appreciated the hard work done by the Mayor, Business Administrator, Business & Finance Committee and Department Heads on behalf of the residents.

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Councilman Ambrosino thanked Cub Scout Pack #38 and on behalf of his family thanked the Mayor and Senate Committee for requesting the additional school funding.

Councilman Minichino welcomed new Councilwoman Melissa Travers. He thanked Dan Santaniello, Steve Krakovsky, Rob Byrnes and Mayor Crate for their budget presentations.

Councilwoman Travers said she is a 12-year nurse at Jersey Shore Medical Center and currently studying for her Masters to be a family nurse practitioner. She grew up in Manasquan, Wall and is raising her family in Brick. She goes to Windward Beach Park, SummerFest and the Farmer's Market. Her goals are simple – to continue to keep Brick great – affordable, safe and caring for seniors. She thanked the council for the opportunity to serve the public.

Council Vice President Zapcic also thanked all for their budget presentations. She also thanked the residents from Seawood Harbor for coming out tonight. She said that Snake Road is a paved path through marshlands. There is no drainage so they cannot install flapper valves but said they will continue to look for grant money to find a creative solution. She also congratulated Councilwoman Travers.

Council President deJong echoed everyone's sentiments. She thanked Mayor Crate, Business Administrator Bergin and CFO Laffey-Berg for making a zero-budget increase happen, especially now. She welcomed Councilwoman Travers and said she will add a lot of depth and wealth of knowledge to the council.

Motion by Councilman Minichino and seconded by Council Vice President Zapcic to Adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

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Heather deJong  
Council President

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Lynnette A. Iannarone  
Township Clerk