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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 7:04 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)

Present

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

Also Present

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

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

Motion by Council Vice President Zapcic and seconded by Councilman Ambrosino to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January 24, 2023 Meeting and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Authorize Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator & Deputy Coordinators

Councilman Minichino advised this resolution appoints Chief of Police Dave Forrester as the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator along with Joseph Pawlowicz and Ron Gaskill as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators.

Authorize Emergency Temporary Appropriation

Council Vice President Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes an emergency temporary appropriation as needed each year prior to the completion of the budget for Pension payments. This resolution also incorporates two New Jersey Department of Transportation grants for roadway improvement projects.

Authorize Temporary 2023 Capital Budget

Councilwoman Crate said this resolution authorizes a temporary capital budget needed as part of the ordinance to be introduced this evening for the acquisition of real property for open space.

Authorize Grant Agreement with Department of Environmental Protection – It Pay\$ to Plug In – NJ Electric Vehicle Charging Grant Program – EVLVL – 2022 – Brick 00215

Councilman Ambrosino advised this resolution authorizes a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as part of the "It Pays to Plug In" program that provides for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at Windward Beach.

Authorize Grant Agreement with Department of Environmental Protection – It Pay\$ to Plug In – NJ Electric Vehicle Charging Grant Program – EVLVL – 2022 – Brick 0054

Council President deJong stated this resolution authorizes a grant agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as part of the "It Pays to Plug In" program that provides for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at Drum Point Sports Complex and the Municipal Building.

Authorize Receipt of Bid – Public Safety Uniforms

Councilwoman Pontoriero explained this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for public safety uniforms. This contract is used mainly for clothing for new hires within the Police and EMS Departments, clothing allowances for full- and part-time Emergency Medical Technicians, and replacement uniforms for all divisions such as Police, the Special Emergency Response Team, EMS, etc.

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Authorize Receipt of Bid – Cedar Bridge Manor Park Improvements

Council Vice President Zapcic advised this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for Cedar Bridge Manor Park improvements. The Township finally has all of the necessary permits to proceed with this project. The project includes shoreline restoration, specifically rip-rap stabilization edge with vegetation mulch, much like we did with Bay Harbor Beach. The project also includes a playground, exercise equipment, a kayak launch, walkway and a bike rack.

Authorize Award of Bid – Rear Loading Refuse Collection Vehicle

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes the award of bid for the purchase and delivery of one 14-cubic yard rear loading sanitation collection vehicle to Hunter Jersey Peterbilt in the amount of \$237,574.00. Notices were mailed to 70 bidders on the bidders list and 7 bidders requested bid packages. One bid was received.

Authorize Award of Contract – Roadway Improvements to Cherry Quay

Mayor Ducey advised this resolution authorizes an award of contract for roadway improvements to Cherry Quay to Meco Inc., in the amount of \$357,573.50. The project consists of the resurfacing of Captains Drive, Captains Court, Port Road, Seagoin Road, Boom Lane, Wake Place, Starboard Court and Bark Road as well as concrete and drainage improvements as needed. Bid notices were mailed to 69 bidders from the bidders list and 12 requested bid packages. Seven bids were received ranging from \$357,573.50 to \$480,817.00 with Meco as the low bid.

Authorize Award of Contract – Roadway Improvements to Laurelhurst – Phase 3

Councilman Ambrosino said this resolution authorizes the award of contract for roadway improvements to Laurelhurst Phase 3 to Earle Asphalt Company, in the amount of \$557,613.13. The project generally consists of general pavement and drainage improvements, as well as curb ramp upgrades and other associated work on Harmony Lane, Bonnie Lane, Bonnie Court, Ellen Drive, Walden Road, Tanglewood Road, Cottage Place, Glen Ridge Court, Orchard Court, Fieldcrest Lane, Wayside Drive, and Greenhill Drive. Bid notices were provided to 69 prospective bidders from the bidders list and nine requested bid packages. Five bids were received with prices ranging from \$688,376.41 to the low bid of \$557,613.13.

Authorize Award of Contract through Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System – Workforce Ready Annual Maintenance & Support

Councilman Minichino advised this resolution authorizes the award of contract to SHI International, in the amount of \$52,000.00. SHI International provides the Workforce Ready Annual Maintenance and Support used by EMS for scheduling. This bid is being awarded through the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System.

Authorize Award of Contracts – Affordable Housing Counsel Pool

Councilman Albanese said this resolution authorizes the award of contract for Affordable Housing Counsel to Eric M. Bernstein & Associates; Marmero Law; Rainone Coughlin Minchello; and Surenian, Edwards & Nolan.

Authorize Award of Contracts – Architectural Services Pool

Councilwoman Crate stated this resolution authorizes the award of contracts for Architectural Services to a pool of professionals including Barlo, Governale & Associates; Fraytak Veisz Hopkinds & Duthie; Robbie Conley Architects; and The Musial Group Architecture.

Authorize Acceptance of Tax Assessor Certified Report – Nejecho Beach Special Assessments

Councilman Minichino advised this resolution authorizes the acceptance of a Certified Report provided by the Township's Tax Assessor for the Nejecho Beach special assessment, done as part of a dredge project on the Nejecho Lagoon. Residents were advised prior to the assessment of the projected costs. A subsequent meeting was held on January 17, 2023 with residents to confirm the assessment amount.

Authorize Shared Services Agreement with Ocean County – FY2023 Prosecutor's Program

Councilwoman Pontoriero said this resolution authorizes a shared services agreement with the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for the Township's participation in the Fatal Accident Support Team. This shared services agreement allows for assistance, investigation and prosecution of fatal accidents as well as traffic enforcement and education.

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Authorize Shared Services Agreement with Ocean County – Operation of Pump Out Boats

Councilman Ambrosino explained this resolution authorizes a shared services agreement with the County of Ocean for the Pump Out Boat Program run out of Trader's Cove Marina. In this program, the Bay Saver and Bay Defender will continue to service the effluent discharge need of boaters in Brick Township's waters.

Authorize Supplemental Funding Request with Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program

Council Vice President Zapcic advised this resolution authorizes a supplemental funding request in the amount of \$1.2 million to the NJDEP Green Acres Program for the acquisition of property for open space on Laurel Avenue.

Authorize Support for Acquisition of Property by Ocean County Natural Lands Trust – Block 646, Lot 21

Mayor Ducey stated this property was the #1 target for the BOSS Committee and shows the success of the committee. Save Breton Woods and Save Barnegat Bay were also very instrumental. He said it supports the acquisition of 31.40 acres on Laurel Avenue in the Breton Woods neighborhood being subdivided with 25.12 acre parcel that will be for open space and 6.33 acre portion to allow for a playground, driveway and parking lot to access the Osbornville School helping out the Brick Township Schools. He said that the BOSS Committee is working on its third round of properties, acquiring its first off Drum Point Road and this one. Next set locations are off Drum Point Road, Princeton Avenue, Maple Avenue and Herbertsville Road.

Authorize Maintenance Agreement with County of Ocean – Block 646, Lot 21

Councilwoman Crate said this resolution authorizes a maintenance agreement with Ocean County for the Township to accept maintenance and management responsibility for the property on Laurel Avenue.

Authorize New Club Liquor License – Lakewood Maennerchor, Inc.

Council President deJong advised this resolution authorizes a new club liquor license for Lakewood Maennerchor, a German American Club of Ocean and Monmouth Counties, located on Duchess Lane.

Bond Releases/Reductions

Clerk Iannarone advised of the following:

- Cash Performance Bond Release for Mantoloking Road Alehouse – Block 109.11, Lot 2
- Inspection Fund Release for Anchor Concrete – Block 1108, Lot 16

Tax Collector

Business Administrator Bergin advised of three Tax Overpayments for 2023.

Council President deJong opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Sam Foster congratulated the Mayor on his judicial appointment and had questions regarding liquor licenses: cost of one, number of them in the township and how to revoke a license.

Council President deJong replied the last one sold for \$575,000 and the number of licenses is determined by the census.

Attorney Starkey stated to revoke one depends upon the circumstances – sometimes the Township can withhold for ABC review. Any violations can be reported to us or the State.

Nan Coll complained about the rules of order being conducted at the meetings. She would like to see addresses along with block and lots like the Board of Adjustment and Planning Board do.

Vic Fanelli questioned the architectural pool. He also asked who they are buying the Breton Woods property from and why the amount being bonded is more than the township's share and if the playground portion would be for public use. He also wanted clarifications regarding Section 8 of the bond ordinance on taxes. He added his concerns for the tax impact on the residents.

Mayor Ducey and Attorney Starkey advised they are purchasing from D.R. Horton, the developer as the contract purchaser but the church would have to sign off on the purchase. Attorney Starkey explained the cost is higher to include costs related to the purchase. Green Acres would be reimbursing \$1.2 million but they have to fund first. He advised the playground would be a public one with an access road. With regards to Section 8, the Township has to commit to levy

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and collect taxes to secure bond payments. As far as the tax impact, Mr. Starkey asked if he considered gross or net taxes because with the construction of 59 homes there would be an impact on the schools.

There were no other 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 Councilman Ambrosino and seconded by Councilman Albanese to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

2023 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$2,890,354.99

Council President deJong opened up 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.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

2023 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,982,571.96

Ordinance on First Reading

Bond Ordinance for Acquisition of Property for Open Space Preservation.

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

Mayor Ducey stated he heard from many concerned residents regarding this property and it is thanks to them that this property will remain as open space. He advised this bond ordinance secures the funds needed to acquire a 31-acre site on Laurel Avenue in Breton Woods. Thanks to the participation and support from the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust, the Township is now protecting this property from a proposed 59-home subdivision not only today, but in perpetuity. It will remain open space, which greatly benefits all of the residents of Brick. He said that they are looking forward to working with the Trust for Public Lands on the 6 acres the Township is carving out of the project to allow for a small playground and better access to the Osbornville School.

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 Roll Call.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION PURPOSES, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,800,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT RECEIVED OR EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,800,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

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BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Township of Brick, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey (the "Township"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the principal amount of \$1,800,000, said amount being inclusive of a "Green Acres Grant" in the amount of \$1,200,000 received or expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program (the "Grant"). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"), no down payment is required for the improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3(a) hereof, as such improvements or purposes are being funded by the Grant, which is provided by the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,800,000 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,800,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, said Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3.

(a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued include, but are not limited to, the acquisition of real property for open space preservation, recreation and conservation purposes, which consists of a 20% portion, or approximately 6.32708 acres, of vacant land totaling approximately 31.6354 acres located at 443 Laurel Avenue in the neighborhood of Breton Woods in the Township and being designated as Block 646, Lot 21 on the Official Tax Map of the Township (the "Property"), which portion of the Property will be developed by the Township to build, among other things, a playground, driveways and parking lot. The remaining 80% portion of the Property, or approximately 25.30832 acres, will be acquired by the County of Ocean for open space preservation, recreation and conservation purposes.

(b) The improvements and purposes set forth in Section 3(a) above shall also include, as applicable, all legal fees, title search fees, closing costs, appraisal fees, advertising fees, survey fees, environmental and soil testing and remediation, bid documents, contract administration, work, materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(c) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements and purposes is \$1,800,000.

(d) The estimated cost of said improvements and purposes is \$1,800,000.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Ocean make a contribution or grant in aid to the Township for the improvements and purposes authorized in Section 3 hereof, including the Grant, and the same shall be received by the Township prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Ocean. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Ocean, including the Grant, shall be received by the Township after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Township as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1 of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at a public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes

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pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget of the Township, as applicable. The capital budget or temporary capital budget, as applicable, of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget of the Township, a revised capital budget or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services, in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes, within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is forty (40) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Township and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that there shall be deducted from the gross debt of the Township the \$1,800,000 amount of bonds or notes authorized herein to the extent the debt service on said bonds or notes is paid solely by the Township's Open Space Trust Fund, as prescribed by said Local Bond Law under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(h), and if not so paid, the gross debt of the Township shall be increased by the \$1,800,000 authorization of bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$90,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes herein before described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township and, unless paid from other sources, the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the principal of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Township reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Township's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance is paid, or (ii) the date the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof are "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 10. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of the obligations of the Township authorized herein and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the obligations of the Township, which are authorized herein, and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

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SECTION 11. The Township is hereby authorized to acquire a portion of the Property and to negotiate an agreement of purchase and sale for the acquisition of a portion of the Property. The Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Township Attorney and Township Clerk are each hereby authorized, as applicable, to negotiate, approve, execute, attest, deliver and perform said agreement of purchase and sale and any and all documents, instruments, affidavits, certificates and agreements necessary to acquire a portion of said Property.

SECTION 12. The Township covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the interest on all bonds and notes issued on a tax-exempt basis under this bond ordinance.

SECTION 13. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication hereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

John Sluka spoke of the recent bullying and suicide incident in Ocean County. He suggested more resources for schools and on buses to aid with these types of situations. He further suggested including access and transportation for middle school students to utilize the sports complex. He then read his letter dated February 10, 2023 regarding his concerns with the parkway expansion project and the toxins being produced as a result. He said there is a need for a large wall in many areas in Brick that are impacted by these toxins and noise and it needs to be addressed especially for the seniors and children.

Nan Coll said she was disgusted at how the meetings are run and that members are not doing their due diligence or following the Constitution of New Jersey or America. She asked for a townhall meeting where residents could discuss the issues.

Willie deCamp of Save Barnegat Bay, thanked Mayor Ducey, the Council and Ms. Bergin for their strong leadership with regards to purchasing the property discussed tonight for open space. He also thanked the Township Engineer Elissa Commins, for looking out for the taxpayers at the Planning Board meetings and thanked the Planning Board members. Finally, he thanked the neighbors in and near Breton Woods. He said in all the thirty-five years working in this field, he has never seen such a passionate group and said it was very inspirational. He named a few of the core members.

Christina Weaver stated that Superstorm Sandy was very costly and that Mantoloking Road and Drum Point Road – are one lane evacuation routes – that cannot keep accommodating the building. She said that they are talking about people's lives and cannot put a price on lives. She thanked the Township, the residents and Mr. deCamp for seeing the wisdom to preserve this open space.

Julie Gaffney thanked all involved and said it means a lot to all of them.

Vic Fanelli again spoke of the loss tax revenue and forty-year bond to purchase the property discussed. He also said that Mantoloking and Drum Point Road are two-lane roads not one lane roads and in an evacuation both lanes would be opened.

Council President replied he was entitled to his opinion.

There were no further comments from the public.

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

Ms. Bergin congratulated the Mayor on his Superior Court judgeship nomination. She said it is an extraordinary honor to be nominated and he is exceptional person. She said that they are fortunate to have him as Mayor. She further stated she was proud to stand by his side and great honor to facilitate his fiscal responsible policies. Everyday is a gift and his gift to Brick Township is his legacy that will last for all time.

Mayor Ducey gave an update on the sports dome and advised that they will be submitting an update to the Planning Board with changes to the plan but spoke with Mr. Tasca and he still hopes to have it open by the fall. He advised of grand openings and upcoming Senior Services events. He gave the dates for the upcoming Recreation Basketball Rudy Awards, the Mayors Cup Mock Trial and the Hero Awards. He then explained he was nominated for a judgeship which only became public because he's Mayor otherwise no one would have been aware of his

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nomination. He further explained he still needs to meet with the Senate Judiciary Committee and then the appointment needs to be confirmed by the entire Senate. He said its something he's been wanting to do since being a law clerk in 1995-96 and being nominated is very humbling.

Attorney Starkey explained a judgeship appointment timing is always uncertain but the Mayor's process is moving along. He said it's been a privilege and honor serving for the Mayor these past 9 years and wished him the best.

Clerk Iannarone, Ms. Murphy and Councilman Albanese all congratulated the Mayor and wished him luck.

Councilwoman Pontoriero also congratulated Mayor Ducey and said there is no one she trusts more than him to serve as a judge. She thanked the residents of Breton Woods and said this is an investment for Brick Township for decades to come and a reason why people want to live here. She also thanked the Ocean County Commissioners for their assistance with the land purchase and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilman Ambrosino echoed Councilwoman Pontoriero's comments and congratulated Mayor Ducey on his nomination. He added that the Township owes you for being a good fiscal steward for the residents.

Councilwoman Crate thanked all involved with purchasing the Breton Woods property – the Mayor, Elissa Commins, Ms. Bergin, Councilman Minichino and the residents for their persistence. She also congratulated the Mayor and echoed what's been said and said he's leaving a legacy and he'll be a wonderful judge.

Councilman Minichino wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and congratulated Mayor Ducey and said its well-deserved and wished him luck. To Breton Woods attendees – he said he sat with them at all the Planning Board meetings. He congratulated them and said they were the true heroes. They made the decision but without them backing it, it may have been another outcome.

Council Vice President Zapcic, like Councilwoman Pontoriero there is not much more she can say without losing her composure. And closed with the immortal words of Flip Wilson, "Here comes the Judge!" Congratulations Mayor.

Council President deJong said the Mayor's appointment is 100% well deserved. She's worked with him for over nine years and he has the temperament for looking at both sides of the issue will make him a great judge. She said she miss attending events with him and going to those events it shows how beloved he is. He made Brick better and it is now their legacy to continue to make Brick better. She wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Motion by Councilwoman Crate and seconded by Councilman Minichino to Adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Heather deJong
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk