

June 13, 2023

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)

Present

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

Also Present

Lisa Crate, Mayor
Scott Kenneally, Township Attorney
Lynnette A. Iannarone, Township Clerk
Joanne Bergin, Business Administrator

Absent

Council Vice President Andrea Zapcic

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Motion by Councilman Ambrosino and seconded by Councilwoman Travers to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 23, 2023 Meeting and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Motion by Councilwoman Travers and seconded by Councilman Minichino to adopt the following Resolutions:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Authorize DOT Grant Application for 2024 Municipal Aid Program

Mayor Crate explained this resolution authorizes the submission of a 2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program grant. The focus of this year's application is roadway elevation of Broad Avenue, Arrow Court and Normandy Drive.

Authorize Acceptance of Emergency Management Performance Grant – 2023

Councilman Minichino advised this resolution authorizes the acceptance of the FY23 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$10,000 which is used to offset the salaries of the Township's Emergency Management Coordinators.

Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – Emergency Management Performance Grant – 2023

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the insertion of the FY23 Emergency Management Performance Grant into the 2023 municipal budget.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Roadway Improvements to Pinewood Drive

Councilman Ambrosino said this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for roadway improvements to Pinewood Drive as approved in the 2022 capital budget.

Authorize Award of Contract through the Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Pricing System – Cedar Bridge Manor Park Playground Equipment

Councilwoman Travers explained this resolution authorizes the award of contract to Gametime Equipment, in the amount of \$130,820.35 for the purchase and delivery of playground equipment for Cedar Bridge Manor Park. The playground equipment is part of a park renovation project currently underway that includes shoreline stabilization, a half basketball court and other enhancements to this neighborhood park.

Authorize Acceptance of Donation of Installation of Playground Equipment – Cedar Bridge Manor Park

Councilwoman Travers stated this resolution authorizes the acceptance of free installation for the playground equipment as provided by Gametime Equipment for the materials the Township is purchasing for Cedar Bridge Manor Park. A resolution is required due to the value of the donation exceeding \$17,500 as required by the Local Public Contracts Law.

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Authorize Award of Proposal – Ambulance Administration Services/EMS Billing

Councilman Ambrosino advised this resolution authorizes the award of proposal for EMS billing to Coronis Health, at a cost to the Township of 7 percent on the return of bills. The Township solicited proposals from third-party vendors for the invoicing and collection of payments. This award is for two years with an option to renew or rebid in years 3, 4 and 5. Proposal notices were provided to 31 prospective bidders from the bidders list and 14 picked up packages. Two proposals were received. A committee was formed to review the submissions and Coronis Health had the highest score. This company has been working with the Township since the previous billing company closed its doors without notice and has been providing excellent services.

Authorize Purchase Over Bid Threshold to SHI – Spatial Data Logic

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the renewal of the Township’s license with SHI International Corporation. This is the renewal of the Spatial Data Logic Enterprise license from SHI International. This software is currently the primary gatekeeper for all land use department records as well as code enforcement. The amount of this renewal is \$61,000.00 and is being processed through a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System.

Authorize Amending Appointment of Legal Services Pool

Councilman Albanese said this resolution authorizes amending the legal services pool based on a name change. GluckWalrath LLP is now called Dilworth Paxson LLP. This firm is on the Township’s legal services pool.

Authorize Support of Senate Bill S-1 – The “Stay in NJ Act”

Mayor Crate explained this resolution supports Senate Bill S-1, the “Stay in NJ Act”, that provides property tax relief to seniors. The bill provides a tax rebate in the amount of 50 percent of the property tax due to homeowners that are 65 or more years of age to a maximum rebate of \$10,000.00.

Authorize Special Events Permit – Church of the Visitation Family Fun Day

Councilwoman Travers stated this resolution authorizes a special event permit for a Family Fun Day at Visitation Church from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday, June 24.

Authorize 2023-2024 Liquor License Renewals Without Restrictions – Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses

Councilwoman Pontoriero said this resolution authorizes the 2023-2024 liquor license renewals without restrictions to certain plenary retail consumption licenses and certain plenary retail distribution license and certain club licenses.

Authorize 2023-2024 Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License Renewals With Restrictions:

Councilman Albanese advised this resolution authorizes the 2023-202 liquor license renewals with restrictions for:

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| a. Applebee’s | h. Outback Steakhouse |
| b. Bonafish Grill | i. Quaker Steak & Lube |
| c. Buffalo Wild Wings | j. Red Robin |
| d. Carrabba’s Italian Grill | k. Tre/Rosalita’s |
| e. FRIT | l. Tuscany |
| f. Houlihan’s | m. Urban Coalhouse |
| g. Mantoloking Road Alehouse | n. Use To Be’s |

Bond Releases/Reductions

Clerk Iannarone advised of the Engineering Inspection Fund Release – DMT Enterprises– Block 611.01/612, Lot 34/1.01 in the amount of \$1,332.71.

Tax Collector

Business Administrator Bergin advised of the 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Cancel & Refund Taxes – Block 380.20, Lot 1 and Block 895, Lot 29.01 and Tax Overpayments – 2023 – Block 44.05, Lot 21.

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Council President deJong opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

John Sluka had numerous questions about Senate Bill S-1 – the “Stay in NJ Act.” He did not fully understand what he’s read about it and does not believe it will have an impact to get seniors to stay in New Jersey. He asked how would it impact renters, if it will impact other programs like the Anchor Program and where is the State getting the money to provide this program.

Nan Coll said the council should have provided more information on the Bill.

Council President deJong reiterated the explanation earlier stating the Bill will provide half off seniors’ property taxes up to \$10,000.00 and it will be automatic but it is still in draft form.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call. Councilman Minichino abstained on Teamsters.

2023 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$2,059,047.72.

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.

Motion by Councilman Minichino 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 \$3,885,565.26.

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

John Sluka read his letter about how the NJ Turnpike Authority Parkway construction destroyed surrounding areas in Brick like Evergreen Woods. He stated there have been many articles on the harmful effects of air pollution and how it triggers asthma and reduces lung functions. He referenced the British Journal of Nursing and how pollution affects pregnant women, children, adults and seniors. He mentioned how bad the air quality was with the Canada fires and urged the council to act and to read the articles available in the library.

Nan Coll concurred with Mr. Sluka concerns. She then asked for the Township to inspect the exiting at the new WaWa on Burnt Tavern Road. She said things are marked strangely and can cause accidents. She said its very confusing. She asked the council to host town hall meetings where residents can discuss their concerns. She then questioned the council about whether or not they receive any training to become a council person and said Roberts Rules are not being followed.

Cindy Nebus, questioned the lack of left turns onto Lanes Mill Road and suggested adding more left turn signals. She also noted that there are no grocery stores on the north end of town besides Walmart, which is crowded and has empty shelves. She said there are

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7 grocery stores on the other side of town and noted that they took Aldi away from them too. She mentioned all the building going on and wooded areas being destroyed. She said the town is turning into a city.

Council President deJong advised that roads with lights such as Lanes Mill are county roads but the Mayor meets with the County annually and they can add her concern to the list. With regards to grocery stores on your side of town – Corrado's was supposed to open but that fell through and Livoti's is coming but not until the Spring of 2024. She said that they also just started an Open Space Savers Committee who looks at purchasing land such as the Save Breton Woods property and more recently property by Princeton Commons. Unfortunately, they cannot tell a store where to locate.

Cindy Nebus thanked the Council President for her responses.

There were no further comments from the public.

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

Mayor Crate said she attended numerous events these last few weeks such as: the high schools' Military Recognition Day which honors seniors entering the military after graduation; the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the long awaited Cedar Bridge Manor Park with hopefully a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in the fall; she marched in the Memorial Day Parade celebrating veterans and honoring those lost; went to the Fishing Derby at Lake Riviera Park and they teamed with NJ Fish & Wildlife. She said that she attended the Pre-School Prom and then the Senior Send-Off for those involved with the Mayor's Student Advisory Committee and ended the evening at Lions Head South speaking to the residents. She went to the Mural Tour at Brick Memorial High School seeing 50-60 amazing murals and noted she will invite the art teacher to speak on Crate Conversations soon. She spoke about upcoming events.

Councilwoman Pontoriero said she attended a National Conference regarding children in foster care. She said there is an extraordinary number of children in Brick and asked if anyone was interested in opening up their heart and home for a child to call 1-800-NJ-ABUSE.

Council President deJong mentioned a new nutrition program at Senior Services which will offer vouchers for the farmers market for income eligible seniors.

Motion by Councilman Minichino and seconded by Councilwoman Pontoriero to Adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Heather deJong
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk