

February 13, 2024

A meeting of the Township Council was held in the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order at 6:58 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 12, 2024. 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  
Councilwoman Heather deJong  
Councilman Steve Feinman  
Councilwoman Melissa Travers  
Council Vice President Derrick Ambrosino  
Council President Vince Minichino

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

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

Motion by Councilman Ambrosino and seconded by Councilman Albanese to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January 23, 2024 meeting and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

#### **Presentation – Brick Township High School Marching Dragons**

Council President Minichino invited Mayor Crate to the podium to present a proclamation and certificates to the members of the Brick Township High School Marching Dragons for placing first in every competition they participated in including the New Jersey Tournament of Bands Region 7 Championship and the New Jersey State Championship. Mayor Crate said that she was in color guard in high school and a lot of time is required for practices and competitions. She thanked the students for excelling in their performance both on and off the field. She thanked the parents for their support too. She also said she saw their show and it was phenomenal! Mayor Crate read her proclamation and presented to Band Director Christian Negri. Mr. Negri assisted Mayor Crate to distribute the certificates.

Motion by Council Vice President Ambrosino and seconded by Councilwoman Travers to adopt the following Resolutions:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

#### **Recognize Patrolman Kris DeMarco Officer of the Year Award Recipient**

Council Vice President Ambrosino said it was honor to read this resolution as it recognizes Brick Township Police Officer Mike Miller as the recipient of this year's Kris DeMarco Officer of the Year. Patrolman Miller possesses many of the same qualities and attributes as Patrolman Kris DeMarco including professionalism, humility, integrity, selflessness and kindness towards others. He offered his congratulations to Officer Miller.

#### **Recognize Lt. Thomas McNelis Award Recipient**

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution recognizes Detective Tara Schinder as the recipient of this year's Lt. Thomas McNelis Award. Detective Schinder is known by her colleagues as being a very capable and knowledgeable police detective and is always working to share that knowledge and make every officer of the department better at what they do for the Township.

#### **Authorize Budget Transfer**

Councilman Albanese advised this resolution authorizes budget appropriation transfers as needed for year-end. These transfers do not increase the overall Municipal Budget in any way, it just moves funds from one account to another.

#### **Authorize Receipt of Bids – Printing Services**

Councilman Feinman explained this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for printing services. This contract includes printing of various Township forms used by all departments, such as letterhead, envelopes, business cards, UCC forms and NCR forms. To date, the Township has spent \$29,000.00 with three awarded vendors during the two-year contract period.

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**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Landscape Maintenance Services at Solar Field**

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for landscape maintenance services at the solar field. The scope of work for this project includes a spring and fall mowing, seed mix with fertilizer, hay, topsoil, mulch, vegetation removal and disposal in riprap areas of approximately 15 acres. To date, the Township had an approximate expenditure of \$60,000.00 during this current two-year contract period, which will expire on April 19, 2024 with OnSite Landscape Management as the current vendor.

**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Operation of Food Truck at Brick Beach 3**

Councilwoman Travers advised this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the operation of a food truck at Brick Beach 3 during the summer months. Due to repairs of the concession stand, this contract will be a one-year contract for the operation of a food truck at Brick Beach 3 commencing May of 2024.

**Authorize Receipt of Bids – Affordable Housing Counsel Pool**

Council President Minichino said this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for affordable housing counsel.

**Authorize Award of Contract – Purchase and Delivery of Sign Materials**

Councilman Feinman stated this resolution awards a contract to the following vendors: Creative Visual Systems; National Highway Products; and Signarama with an approved schedule of prices. This is a two-year contract commencing February 14, 2024 and ending February 13, 2026.

**Authorize Award of Contract – Purchase of 2025 Peterbilt 528 Roll-Off Truck through Sourcewell National Cooperative**

Councilwoman Pontoriero advised this resolution authorizes an award of contract with Hunter Jersey Peterbilt, in the amount of \$218,019.02 for a 2025 Peterbilt 528 Roll-off Truck as approved in the 2023 capital budget. This purchase is being made through the Sourcewell National Co-Op.

**Authorize Award of Contract – Purchase of 2025 Peterbilt 528 Patch Truck through Sourcewell National Cooperative**

Councilwoman Travers stated this resolution authorizes an award of contract with Hunter Jersey Peterbilt, for a 2025 Peterbilt patch truck in the amount of \$270,055.30 as approved in the 2023 capital budget. This purchase is being made through the Sourcewell National Co-Op.

**Authorize Award of Contract – Purchase of 2025 Peterbilt 520 Side Arm Garbage Truck through Sourcewell National Cooperative**

Council President Minichino advised this resolution authorizes an award of contract with Hunter Jersey Peterbilt, in the amount of \$394,515.00 for a 2025 Peterbilt Side Arm Garbage Truck as approved in the 2023 capital budget. This purchase is being made through the Sourcewell National Co-Op.

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

Council Vice President Ambrosino explained this resolution authorizes an award of contract in the amount of \$231,876.60 with Tyler Technologies to provide maintenance and support services for the New World Public Safety Software Suite that is utilized by the Brick Police Department for dispatch operations.

**Authorize Agreement with Ocean County – 2024 Pumpout Boat Program**

Councilman Feinman stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a shared services agreement with the County of Ocean for the operation and maintenance of three pump out boats, the “Bay Saver,” “Bay Defender” and a third boat coming in the spring, which will service the effluent discharge need of boaters in Brick Township’s waters. The pump out boats provide a convenient, inexpensive and environmentally safe means for boaters to dispose of the effluent waste. In this agreement, Brick operates and maintains the pump out boats and the County reimburses the Township up to \$50,000.00 for costs incurred for the three boats.

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**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Insurance Broker/Consultants**

Councilman Albanese said this resolution authorizes an agreement with IMAC Insurance Agency for insurance broker services for the employees' and retirees' COBRA, dental, medical, prescription, stop loss, temporary disability insurance and vision.

**Authorize Motor Vehicle Sales License – A Car 4 You**

Council President Minichino advised this resolution authorizes a motor vehicle sales license to A Car 4 U located at 2005 Route 88. The Zoning Officer and Fire Bureau have conducted a site visit and confirmed the location appropriate for motor vehicle sales.

**Authorize Place to Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License – Med Marion (Used to Be's)**

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes a place-to-place transfer of plenary retail consumption license to Med Marion, for a portion of the premises at Used to Be's on Route 35 in Brick.

**Authorize Special Events Permits**

Council Vice President Ambrosino advised of the following events:

- River Rock 'n Run scheduled for Saturday, November 16, 2024 between the hours of 9 am to noon at River Rock on Route 70.
- Relay for Life scheduled for Friday, June 7 from 5 to 11 pm at Windward Beach.

**Bond Releases/Reductions:** Clerk Iannarone advised of the following:

- Inspection Fund Release – Block 26.01, Lot 7.01
- Inspection Fund Release – Block 190, Lot 40
- Inspection Fund Release - Block 321, Lots 11.01 & 11.02
- Inspection Fund Release – Block 380.18, Lot 1.02
- Inspection Fund Release – Block 485, Lot 26
- Inspection Fund Release – Block 547.01, Lot 15
- Inspection Fund Release – Block 1149, Lots 5, 5.10 & 6
- Performance Bond Release – Block 1338.15, Lot 22

**Tax Collector:** Business Administrator Bergin advised of the following:

- 100%/DAV Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 1256.06, Lot 9
- Overpayments 2024 – Block 990.02, Lot 7; Block 1083.84, Lot 11; Block 380.20, Lot 1

Council President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Nan Coll asked for addresses for the bond releases in addition to the block and lots.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

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

There were no 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 President Ambrosino to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Councilwoman deJong abstained on Community Services Inc. and

Council President Minichino abstained on Teamsters.

**2024 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$15,056,002.20**

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

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

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**2024 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,997,431.31**

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

John Sluka read his letter to the Mayor, Council, residents, workers and news reporters. He mentioned the plight of the school with S-2 bill and said they need to keep fighting for their fair share of funding. He noted that five years ago there were only 80 ELL students and today there are over 700 which puts an additional burden on their budget. He then discussed the adverse effects of air pollution as noted by many doctors. Impacts include COPD, heart and lung diseases, harmful effects in children's health including ADHD, cancer and low birth weight. He said you are paid to represent all of the citizens and a 20 ft. safety wall is needed for many Brick neighborhoods such as Evergreen Woods, Greenbriar, Briar Mills, near certain schools and the library, all that are affected by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. He asked to get the work done.

Nan Coll brought a book to the podium containing the US Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights. She then proceeded to discuss her Irish family history and upbringing.

There were no further comments from the public.

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

Business Administrator Bergin congratulated Officer Miller and Detective Schinder on their upcoming PBA awards.

Mayor Crate said that after 31 years she has officially retired from teaching. She said I know past Mayors have held a job but she wants to fully commit her time to the Township. She then advised of recent events she attended: DARE Graduations at Osbornville, Drum Point and Veterans Elementary Schools; the PBA Climb with a Cop fundraiser for Special Olympics; a ribbon cutting for Appliances for Less in the Pavilion Plaza and the Brick Birthday Party. She thanked everyone for participating and attending and talked about upcoming events.

Councilman Albanese congratulated the band and the Mayor on her retirement.

Councilwoman Pontoriero congratulated the band and said she has two new band members of her own at home. She congratulated the officers who work tirelessly 365 days a year and said they have the best officers in the State.

Councilwoman deJong added that Ocean County Appliances for Less has joined the Buy in Brick program.

Councilman Feinman, being in the home healthcare industry shared a valuable resource – Care 2 Caregivers – [www.care2caregivers.com](http://www.care2caregivers.com) – as he knows first-hand how stressful caring for an aging parent can be. He said they are a division of NJ Human Services and have counselors available 8:30am to 4:30pm to phone, chat or email.

Councilwoman Travers congratulated the officers and the band.

Council Vice President Ambrosino congratulated award recipients Officer Mike Miller and Detective Tara Schinder. He also congratulated the Mayor on her retirement from teaching. He congratulated the BTHS Marching Dragons and said he too was a Marching Dragon. He said he had the opportunity to sit with Mayor Crate for a Crate Conversation and it can be viewed on YouTube.

Council President Minichino congratulated everyone.

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Motion by Council Vice President Ambrosino and seconded by Councilwoman Travers to Adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.  
All Council Members voted AYE.

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Vince Minichino  
Council President

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Lynnette A. Iannarone  
Township Clerk