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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 February 16, 2024. 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 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

Absent

Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero

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

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

Motion by Council Vice President Ambrosino and seconded by Councilman Feinman to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 14, 2024 meeting and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.
Council President Minichino abstained due to his absence.

Presentations

Recognize Isabel Bartolucci, BSA Troop 39G Brick

Mayor Crate invited Isabel Bartolucci to join her at the podium and presented her with a certificate of recognition on achieving Eagle Scout. Mayor Crate hosted Isabel on a Crate Conversation in October to discuss her project of installing a large flagpole at the PAL building and her being the only girl in the boy scouts and now the first girl in BSA Troop 39 to obtain Eagle Scout status. Isabel said she raised over \$1,500.00 for the project and it took approximately thirty volunteers to complete.

Council President Minichino announced there would be no second reading on the driveway ordinance that was introduced at the last council meeting. They decided to pull it and review again with Land Use, Planning Board and Zoning.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – NJDCA – Local Recreation Program

Councilwoman Travers advised this resolution authorizes the insertion of a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Program. This grant was awarded for the bike/scooter park at Drum Point Sports Complex.

Authorize Establishing Dedicated Trust by Rider for EMS Donations

Council President Minichino explained this resolution authorizes the establishment of a dedicated trust by rider as needed for EMS donations. The Township recently received a legacy gift and the trust account is required to deposit those funds and then apply them to training and equipment purchases.

Authorize Grant Application to NJDCA – Purchase of 2 Dialysis Mini-busses and Improve Parking Facilities

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the acquisition of two mini-busses to help transport dialysis patients. Since launching this service, staff at the Senior Center have

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determined that smaller mini-busses would be more effective in dialysis transport, and it would be more accommodating for the riders.

Authorize Bid Automotive Parts, Supplies and Repairs for Vehicles Under 15,000 GVW

Councilman Albanese said this resolution authorizes the advertisement of bids for automotive parts, supplies and repairs for vehicles under 15,000 gross vehicle weight. This bid is for various repairs to Township vehicles to be done on an as-needed basis.

Authorize Bid for Professional Medical Services

Councilwoman Travers stated this resolution authorizes the advertisement of bids for professional medical services, including pre-employment physicals, fit for duty testing and drug and/or alcohol testing for new and existing employees, at the provider's facility and at designated Township sites.

Authorize Bid for HVAC Services

Councilman Feinman explained this resolution authorizes the advertisement of bids for HVAC services with proprietary language for the system at the Municipal Building. In 2010, the Township replaced the antiquated HVAC system in the Municipal Complex with a new, energy efficient Andover/Schneider system. This system needs occasional updates and maintenance and the mechanical components of the system requires quarterly inspection, maintenance, service or repair from time to time.

Authorize Award of Contract Roadway Improvements – Pinewood Drive

Council Vice President Ambrosino advised this resolution authorizes the award of contract in the amount of \$163,967.40 to Fiore Paving, Oceanport, for the Roadway Improvements to Pinewood Drive project. The project generally consists of roadway resurfacing with improvements to Pinewood Drive and Red Bluff Road. Bid notices were provided to 77 prospective bidders from the bidders list and 12 requested bid packages. Seven bids were received with bids ranging from \$163,967.40 to \$234,108.70 with Fiore Paving as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Authorize Award of Purchase and Delivery of Printing Services

Councilwoman deJong said this resolution authorizes the award of bid for printing services to the following vendors on an approved schedule of prices: Concept Print, KM Media Group, Munidex, Ridgewood Press and TC Squared. Bid notices were provided to 68 prospective bidders from the bidders list. Eight vendors picked up bid packages and six bids were received.

Authorize Award of Purchase – Court Audio/Video System

Councilwoman deJong advised this resolution authorizes that award of purchase in the amount of \$159,831.33 for a new audio and video recording system for use in the Court Room for Council meetings, municipal court, board meetings and trainings when scheduled. This purchase is being made through The Bergen County Co-Op.

Authorize Agreement for Beach Maintenance – Fisherman's Dunes

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a shared services agreement with the Fisherman's Dunes Homeowners Association for beach sweeping maintenance for the 2024 summer season. All cost for manpower and equipment will be paid for by the Association, including diesel fuel for the beach rake.

Authorize Taxi Business License – Santiago, Sanchez-Sandoval d/b/a Blue Taxi, LLC

Council President Minichino advised this resolution authorizes a taxi business license to Santiago Sanchez-Sandoval, otherwise known as Blue Taxi, LLC.

Authorize Special Events Permit – Battle at the Beach

Councilman Feinman said this resolution authorizes a special event permit for the Battle of the Beach Lacrosse Event for June 15 at the Drum Point Sports Complex.

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

- Performance Bond Release – Block 1068, Lot 27

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Tax Collector: Business Administrator Bergin advised of the following:

- Authorize Estimated Tax Bill
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 1388.27, Lot 59.02
- Tax Overpayments 2024 – Block 958.25, Lot 10 & Block 380.04, Lot 5.

Council President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Vic Fanelli congratulated female Eagle Scout Isabel. He also asked what the percentage increase will be on the estimated tax bill.

Business Administrator Bergin replied it has not been prepared yet. The tax collector prepares and this resolution is giving her the authority to do so.

Nan Coll questioned why the council omits addresses and asked for caucus meetings to discuss items in more detail. She said the public has the right to comment on these items. She also asked if the Blue Taxi is operating yet and what the Battle at the Beach is.

Clerk Iannarone replied this authorized the license.

Business Administrator Bergin stated the Battle at the Beach is a lacrosse tournament and they have rented the Drum Point Sport Complex.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

Motion by Councilman Albanese and seconded by Councilman Feinman to adopt the following Resolution:

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

2024 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$16,986,809.79

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

There were no comments from the public.

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

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

- All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

2024 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,947,525.55

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

John Sluka read his letter asking if the Mayor and Council could help with the air pollution in areas located near the Garden State Parkway. He said that the widening created havoc and is affecting everyone. He said although trees were planted, they were small and planted far apart. He said noise studies were done and results were accepted but since then trees have died off. It's been nearly 4500 days and it has destroyed and harmed their lives. Walls and trees are needed in numerous areas in town.

Nan Coll said she took a defensive driving class when she moved here and that roads' speed limits should be lowered especially for the number of residents over 55. She asked if anyone here would stand up for her and accused the council of failing to do their duty as public servants.

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Bob Mattiliano requested cameras at the new renovated Cedarbridge Manor Park. He said there has been a lot of outsiders and there was an issue with a couple of women. He also questioned why addresses are left off of the agenda.

Business Administrator Bergin advised cameras are on the list to be installed at that park.

Council President Minichino replied that block and lots are the property identifiers.

Attorney Kenneally added that it is also a privacy issue.

There were no further comments from the public.

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

Business Administrator Bergin advised that they were awarded a No Net Loss Grant to plant trees but the Evergreen Woods Association would not approve an easement for their planting.

Mayor Crate said last year Brick United cheer teams came to a council meeting in February to be recognized for their accomplishments but due to the number of attendees, they suggested we go to them. Two weeks ago, they assembled at the PAL and I presented proclamations to each of the three winning teams along with certificates for each member of the Division 8, Division 10 and Division 12 Cheer Teams. She spoke about their numerous accomplishments including first place at the YCADA Global Competitions. The Green Fair was held on May 18th, the weather cooperated and they named a mascot – Clean-Up Carl and they are working on a girl mascot as well. The Mayor said that she attended a ribbon cutting for Jet-Drive Boat Exchange where they lease out boats. She said that they celebrated the volunteers at the senior center for their assistance with the many programs offered. She also attended the high schools' military recognition ceremony for seniors entering the armed forces. From Brick Township High School: Melissa Alvarado (Army), Aiden Coqueran (Army), Vanessa Codallos-Tepepa (Navy), James Lorenzo (Navy), Quinten Gaughan (Air Force), Charles Puleo (Marines) and Brody Lowenstein (Coast Guard); and from Brick Memorial: Joseph Wronko (Army), David Hewitson (Navy), Max Shiley (Navy), Roman Saint-Cyr (Air Force), Tyler McClean (Marines) and Kyle Plackis (Marines). The annual Memorial Day Parade was held yesterday. The rain held off for the parade portion and the service was brought indoors. She thanked the VFW, American Legion, and staff members for their work coordinating the event.

Councilwoman deJong congratulated Isabel and said she did a great job at the PAL. She also thanked the crews for the great job they do at the beaches and with the lifeguards.

Councilman Feinman closed with saying stay well and stay safe.

Councilwoman Travers congratulated Isabel on obtaining Eagle Scout.

Council Vice President Ambrosino also congratulated Isabel. He then confirmed with Ms. Bergin that the noise study done at Evergreen Woods precluded them from moving forward for a sound wall. He asked Mr. Kenneally if using the block and lot is legal and Mr. Kenneally replied yes. He noted that addresses are used for mail purposes.

Council President Minichino advised the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 11th.

Motion by Councilwoman deJong and seconded by Councilwoman Travers to Adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Vince Minichino
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk

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