

June 11, 2024

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 Marianna Pontoriero
Councilwoman Heather deJong
Councilman Steve Feinman
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 Melissa Travers

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

Motion by Council Vice President Ambrosino and seconded by Councilman Feinman to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 28, 2024 meeting and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Councilwoman Pontoriero abstained due to her absence.

Presentations

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Awards

Council President Minichino invited Mayor Crate to the podium to make the CDBG Award presentations.

Mayor Crate stated social service agencies fill a crucial role – they provide basic, essential needs to the residents and do so with caring and compassion. Each year, the Township receives Community Development Block Grants funds to use specifically for social service projects. They are awarded via grants to agencies and programs that are in Brick serving the residents. Brick Township received more than \$100,000.00 in requests and only has \$42,800.00 in CDBG funds to award so the selection process was not easy. The Mayor said that the Council and her appreciate the hard work all of the organizations do that applied and they are excited to make these awards tonight. Representatives from some of these groups are here and will speak briefly about their organizations.

Bob Scott accepted on behalf of Caregiver Volunteers who received a \$4,500. Grant to assist the homebound and elderly with transportation, nutrition and companionship.

Lauren Gandulla accepted \$2,500. for Arc of Ocean County for its program to provide vocational skill training to those with intellectual disabilities.

Church of Visitation Community Lunch Program received \$1,500. Marilyn Lago accepted on their behalf and advised it's held the third Thursday of the month and everyone is welcome.

The Community Services Inc. (Meals on Wheels) program was represented by Jim Sigurdson, who received \$10,000 in funds which delivers hot, healthy meals to seniors. In 2023, they served 35,000 meals to homebound and needy seniors in Brick.

Interfaith Family Services was represented by Mary Cranwell who received \$2,500. to provide support for homeless families with children.

John Brilla attended on behalf of Jersey Shore Council of Scouts and received \$1,500 towards its summer camp program in Barnegat.

Alice Woods represented Ocean Harbor House and received \$2,500. to assist with homeless single women with children and they have the only non-rotating family shelter.

Laurie O'Toole of Providence House received \$7,500. to provide counseling and legal advocacy to abused women.

The Brick Morning Rotary Club was represented by Charlie Bacon and received \$1,400. towards their Shore Movement Food Drive. Monies are used to purchase perishable items and the food is distributed to various food pantries.

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Not in attendance but receiving funds were: Big Brothers/Big Sisters - \$1,400.; Contact of Ocean/Monmouth Counties - \$1,500.; Dottie's House - \$4,500.; Family Promise of the Jersey Shore - \$1,500.

All of the groups were very thankful to receive this funding. Mayor Crate thanked all of the organizations again for working so hard to meet the most basic needs of the residents. She said their work is vital and the Township is pleased to be able to provide the financial support.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Authorization to Cancel Grant Appropriated Reserves and Receivables

Council President Minichino advised this resolution authorizes the cancellation of grant appropriated reserves and receivables for unspent funds in 3 grants from 2023 and one from 2022.

Authorization to Accept Subgrant Award Fiscal Year 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Program

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the acceptance of the FY23 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 which is used to offset the salary of the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator.

Authorize Bid for Roadway Improvements – Cherry Quay, Phase II

Council Vice President Ambrosino said this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the roadway improvements to Cherry Quay Phase II project. This project includes Royal and Tiller Drives.

Authorize Bid for Peterbilt Parts, Supplies and Repairs

Councilman Feinman explained this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for Peterbilt parts, supplies and repairs. This bid is for various repairs to Township owned Peterbilt trucks that cannot be done in-house. This is mostly due to the fact that the repairs require specialized equipment and training and/or the purchase of Peterbilt parts.

Authorize Bid for Stepp Parts, Supplies and Repairs

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for Stepp parts, supplies and repairs. This bid is for various repairs to Township owned Stepp equipment, including tar crack sealer and asphalt recycler, which are used almost every day. These repairs cannot be done in-house due to the specialized nature of the equipment and required training.

Authorize Award of Contracts for Alternate and Conflict Public Defenders

Councilwoman deJong advised this resolution authorizes the award of contracts for alternate and conflict public defender including Peterpaul Law, specifically Luanne Peterpaul, Esq.; The Law Offices of Alexandra Nieves-Martinez, Esq., specifically Alexandra Nieves-Martinez Esq.; The Law Offices of Marco DiStefano., Esq., specifically Marco DiStefano, Esq.; The Law Offices of Michael Pastacaldi, LLC, specifically Michael Pastacaldi, Esq.

Authorize Award of Contract SummerFest Food Truck

Councilwoman Pontoriero said this resolution authorizes the award of a contract in the amount of \$750.00 with BBQ on Wheels Catering to be added to the Summerfest food truck vendors. This vendor will add to the list of food trucks that have already completed the necessary paperwork to provide food and refreshments at Summerfest.

Authorize Award of Contract for Purchase and Delivery Frede Park Playground Safety Surface

Council Vice President Ambrosino advised this resolution authorizes an award of contract in the amount of \$152,760.00 with Rubberecycle, for the removal of old playground safety surface and installation of new safety surface at Frede Park. These funds were included in the 2024 capital budget. The Township's capital budget includes ongoing maintenance of the parks and safety surfaces, with Frede being the oldest surface and most in need of replacement.

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Authorize Award of Contract for Purchase and Delivery Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles

Councilman Feinman explained this resolution authorizes the award of contract in the amount of \$236,928.00 with All American Ford, for six 2023 or newer Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles. These vehicles were included in the Police Department's 2024 budget as part of the ongoing work to rotate aging vehicles in the fleet.

Authorize 2024-2025 Liquor License Renewals Without Restrictions – Consumption, Distribution and Club Licenses

Councilman Albanese advised this resolution authorizes 2024-2025 liquor license renewals without restrictions to certain plenary retail consumption licenses and certain plenary retail distribution license and also certain club licenses.

Authorize 2024-2025 Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License Renewals With Restrictions:

- Councilwoman deJong advised of the following renewals:
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| a. Applebee's | i. Outback Steakhouse |
| b. Barnegat Bayside Services | j. Quaker Steak & Lube |
| c. Bonefish Grill | k. Red Robin |
| d. Buffalo Wild Wings | l. Tre/Rosalita's |
| e. Carrabba's Italian Grill | m. Tuscany |
| f. FRIT | n. Urban Coalhouse |
| g. Houlihan's | o. Used To Be's |
| h. Mantoloking Road Alehouse | |

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

- a. Performance Bond Release – Block 322, Lot 29.01.
- b. Bond Release – Block 1377, Lot 1.

Tax Collector: Business Administrator Bergin advised of the following:

- a. Tax Overpayments 2024 – Block 1421.02, for \$2,010.55

Authorize Agreement for Beach Maintenance – Bel Air Beach Association

Council President Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a shared services agreement with the Bel Air Beach 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.

Council President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

There were no 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 Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilwoman deJong to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

2024 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,386,251.25

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:

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2024 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$2,007,465.78

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

Stephen Brill said visual pollution has increased at Evergreen Woods since the median was cut as a retention basin that has not even held any water. He believed the engineers made an error. Many trees have now died and have been removed creating more visual and noise pollution. A 17 ft. width is not enough room to do much but requested another noise study since the expansion and asked the Township to explore all resources to mitigate and put pressure on the Governor for the NJTA to act.

There were no further comments from the public.

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

Business Administrator Bergin advised for ten years, three residents have made requests for Evergreen Woods. A few meetings ago, she went over a timeline of things the Township has done. A noise study was done at the Township's expense and the machine was placed at the location they suggested. She said they have lobbied State agencies also but there is not enough justification for a sound wall and referenced in East Brunswick, the residents paid to have one installed.

Mayor Crate said it was an honor to make the CDBG presentations tonight. She spoke of Susan Raabe of Food Angels, who did not receive funding but serves hot meals in Lakewood Town Square once a week to the homeless. She also collects food, clothing and shoes for them. She said she is proud to be Mayor and to work with so many organizations doing good things. She noted school will be ending this week and congratulated all on promotions and graduations. She said she attended the pre-school graduation and prom and thanked the teachers for providing a good foundation for kindergarten. She advised of the teen center survey and link to gather information from teens as what they would like to see there, they hope to have open in the fall. She thanked the staff for the bake sale held last week which raised over \$1,200. for Relay for Life. She also thanked Emma Havens Young Early Act Club for the beach toys bin at Brick Beach 1 and noted it was featured on News 4.

Councilwoman Pontoriero thanked Mrs. Bergin for the explanation on the complicated history of the Evergreen Woods situation and the Township's efforts to alleviate their concerns.

Councilwoman deJong thanked the CDBG recipients for their work and said that they all offer volunteer opportunities and can always use more help and money to do their work. Whether as an Arc ambassador, a mentor for a young person, a handyman or shopper for a senior or serving and cooking meals for one, babysitting or help at events, clerical or becoming a scout leader. She said some of them even have wish lists and collect food, toiletries, etc.

Councilman Feinman mentioned two upcoming events taking place at the library – one for saving for college and the other a superheroes craft and workshop.

Council Vice President Ambrosino echoed the comments about the outstanding work the CDBG recipients do to make Brick a better place to live. He congratulated all of the students on promotions from 8th grade and graduation from high school and wished the parents good luck.

Motion by Councilwoman deJong and seconded by Council Vice President Ambrosino to Adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Vince Minichino
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk

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