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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 7:02 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
Councilman Steve Feinman
Council President Vince Minichino

Also Present

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

Absent

Councilwoman Heather deJong
Councilwoman Melissa Travers
Council Vice President Derrick Ambrosino

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

Motion by Councilman Feinman and seconded by Councilwoman Pontoriero to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the July 23, 2024 meeting and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.
Councilman Albanese abstained due to his absence.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Authorize Receipt of Bids for Normandy Beach Roadway Elevation Project – Phase II

Council President Minichino advised this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for Phase II of the Normandy Beach roadway elevation project. Streets to be elevated in this bid are Normandy Beach Drive, Arrow Court and Broad Avenue. The project includes roadway elevation, including but not limited to, fill importation, drainage reconstruction, concrete work, roadway reconstruction, resurfacing and site restoration. Phase I was completed in recent years as a shared service with Toms River; this phase extends that scope.

Authorize Receipt of Bids for Brick Beach III – Concession Building Repairs

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for repairs to the Brick Beach III concession building. The project consists of replacement of the existing concrete columns that support the roof structure of portions of the concession building, the replacement of attic and soffit vents, the replacement of glass block windows, miscellaneous masonry and cedar siding repairs.

Authorize Request for Proposals for Preservation Architectural Services

Councilman Feinman explained this resolution authorizes the requests for proposals for preservation architectural services. The Township is preparing to use grant money from the Community Development Block Grant program to make repairs to the Historical Society Hulse House on Herbertsville Road. Because of the nature of these repairs, an architect that specializes in preservation is required.

Authorize Award of Contract for 2024 Pavement Markings, Various Locations

Councilwoman Pontoriero said this resolution authorizes an award of contract in the amount of \$125,000.00 to Dan Swayze & Son for the construction of pavement markings, traffic lines, as well as painted or thermoplastic symbols at various locations on municipal roadways and public property. The work sites are various locations throughout the municipal streets and public complexes including but not limited to, Greenbriar, Greenbriar II, Princeton Commons, the Municipal Complex, Civic Plaza parking lot, Brick Beach 1 and 3 parking lots, Drum Point Sports Complex parking lot, Wedgewood, Duquesne Boulevard and Laurelton Gardens.

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Authorize Award of Contract for Roadway Improvements to Cherry Quay – Phase II

Council President Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract in the amount of \$446,913.13 to Earle Asphalt Company for Phase II of the roadway improvements to Cherry Quay. The project consists of resurfacing of Tiller Lane and Royal Drive as well as concrete and drainage improvements, where deemed necessary. Bid notices were provided to 78 prospective bidders from the bidders list and 5 bids were received, with Earle Asphalt being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Authorize Award of Contract for Purchase & Delivery of One 2025 or Newer Peterbilt 520 through Sourcewell National Cooperative System

Councilman Feinman advised this resolution authorizes the award of contract in the amount of \$416,557.00 for the purchase and delivery of one 2025 Peterbilt 520 RH Drive, Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis with a 66,000-pound gross vehicle weight. This truck is being purchased through the Sourcewell National Cooperative Program.

Authorize Award of Contract for Purchase & Delivery of One 2025 Peterbilt 567 through Sourcewell National Cooperative System

Councilman Feinman stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract in the amount of \$329,116.35 for the purchase and delivery of one 2025 Peterbilt 567 Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis with a 66,000-pound gross vehicle weight. This truck is being purchased through the Sourcewell National Cooperative Program.

Authorize Award of Contract for Purchase & Delivery of One 2024 Ford F150 Super Crew Cab 4x4 Pick-Up

Council President Minichino advised this resolution authorizes the award of contract in the amount of \$45,359.00 for the purchase and delivery of one 2024 Ford F150 Super Crew Cab 4x4 pick-up truck. This truck is being purchased through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Authorize Sale of Surplus Personal Property – Solar and Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs)

Councilman Albanese explained this resolution authorizes the sale of the Township's Solar Renewable Energy Credits and Class 1 Renewable Energy Certificates through a public auction. The Township of Brick intends to utilize the online auction services of Flett Exchange, LLC. At this time, there are Solar Renewable Energy Certificates from the Township's rooftop and parking lot solar panels to auction on the Flett Exchange website. In addition, there are Renewable Energy Certificates from the wind turbine located at the Drum Point Sports Complex. The Township previously utilized Flett Exchange, LLC for the sale of Solar Renewable Energy Certificates through public auction and received \$35,872.50.

Authorize Change Order #5 for Police Special Operations Garage

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes contract close-out change order #5 with Gavan General Contracting for the Police Special Operations Garage located in the rear of Town Hall. This change order reflects a contract decrease in the amount of \$400.00 and officially closes the job, returning the performance bond posted for this project.

Authorize Memorandum of Understanding for Saltmarsh Enhancement and Restoration

Council President Minichino said this resolution authorizes a memorandum of understanding with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for the saltmarsh enhancement and restoration project. The Township received a grant in the amount of \$4,997,120.75 for a living shoreline tidal salt marsh vegetation restoration project in the Forsythe Refuge. The Township has a 5.62% match for this grant, which can be 100% in-kind services by the Township Engineer, Township Planner or other Township staff.

Authorize Memorandum for Utilization of the Ocean County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Training Facility

Councilwoman Pontoriero advised this resolution authorizes a memorandum of understanding with the Ocean County Sheriff's Department for the Township Police Department to utilize the County's training facility if needed.

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Authorize Fireman's Exemption Certificates: Clerk Iannarone advised of the following exemption certificates:

- Breton Woods Fire Company No. 1
- Herbertsville Fire Company No. 1
- Laurelton Fire Company No. 1
- Pioneer Hose Fire Company

Authorize Special Events Permit – St. Dominic Church Parish Car Show

Councilman Feinman said this resolution authorizes a special event permit for the Saint Dominic Church car show that was held on August 9th at the Church. The permit was reviewed and internally approved by Traffic Safety, the Fire Bureau and Safety Inspector prior to the event.

Authorize Special Events Permit – St. Dominic Parish Feast Day Procession Event

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes a special event permit for the Saint Dominic Parish Feast Day Procession that was held on August 11th at the Church. The permit was reviewed and internally approved by Traffic Safety, the Fire Bureau and Safety Inspector prior to the event.

Authorize Special Events Permit – Beacon 70 Laurelton Fire Co. Fundraiser

Councilwoman Pontoriero advised this resolution authorizes a special event permit for a fund-raising event to benefit the Laurelton Fire Company scheduled Sunday, August 18 at Beacon 70 from 1 to 8 pm.

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

- Maintenance Bond Release – Block 36, Lot 12
- Inspection Fund Release – Block 547, Lot 28
- Inspection Fund Release – Block 589, Lot 1.01
- Inspection Fund Release – Block 757, Lot 1

Tax Collector: Business Administrator Bergin advised of the following:

- Tax Overpayment 2024 – Block 842, Lot 27

Council President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Sam Foster asked if there was a problem with the microphones because he couldn't hear everything. He also asked if the vehicles being purchased are replacing or supplementing vehicles and suggested for cost savings to buy year older models not new ones.

Business Administrator Bergin replied that they do both when purchasing vehicles – replace and supplement. The Township purchased under the State contract and was cost efficient.

Nan Coll also said she was having a problem hearing. She questioned the resolution regarding paving markings and said there is a problem at Greenbriar I & 2. Also exiting from Walmart on Rt. 70. She said she's aware many are county roads but suggested the council drive around to see the issues that need to be addressed.

Stephen Brill asked the Council to pass a resolution to have the New Jersey Turnpike Authority further investigate the expansion project done at Exit 91 and to provide relief for the residents in the area from the noise it created.

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.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

2024 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,466,761.73

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 Councilman Feinman 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 \$2,133,485.93

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

Sam Foster asked if they have a designated shelter for emergency purposes such as Hurricane Sandy. He also asked if they have a citizens committee to reach out to businesses to come to the community. He asked about the Foodtown site status.

Business Administrator Bergin advised they have an Office of Emergency Management that works with different agencies should the need arise, such as the PAL or school.

Mayor Crate replied that they take suggestions from residents such as her survey that was done last year, or from her Student Advisory Committee or via emails received. She reached out to Hobby Lobby and is hoping they will occupy the former Christmas Tree Shoppe. Raising Cane was suggested and is going into the former Quaker Stake. Philly Pretzels was another suggestion and have been contacted. She also mentioned that she would like to fill vacant locations and also speaks with property owners. With regards to the Foodtown site, they have received their final approval from the Township and can start.

Stephen Brill stated that the June 25 minutes have not been posted and he should not have to submit an OPRA to receive them. He said they are supposed to be available to the residents within two weeks.

Nan Coll gave thanks to the Clerk, secretary and business administrator as they are the ones to keep the Township functioning. With regards to emergencies, she said the Nixle alerts from the police department are very helpful.

John McConaghie of Valencia Drive also wanted to view the June 25th minutes but they were not posted. He sent an email to the Mayor and Council but said that he did not receive a response.

Clerk Iannarone advised once the minutes are done she forwards them to the appropriate person for posting on the website but it is not a requirement that they posted on the township website. She apologized and said that she would look into it.

Mayor Crate apologized for missing that part in Mr. McConaghie's email regarding the minutes as she was focused on the rest of his email.

Business Administrator Bergin said she would take care of the minutes.

There were no further comments from the public.

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

Mayor Crate spoke up some upcoming events.

Councilwoman Pontoriero apologized for not responding to Mr. McConaghie's email but

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thought it was addressed. She reminded residents of the need to foster children in Ocean and Monmouth Counties.

Councilman Feinman mentioned some upcoming library programs.

Motion by Councilman Feinman and seconded by Councilman Albanese to Adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Vince Minichino
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk