

July 23, 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](http://www.bricktownship.net))

**Present**

Councilwoman Heather deJong  
Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero  
Councilman Steve Feinman  
Council Vice President Derrick Ambrosino  
Council President Vince Minichino

**Also Present**

Kevin Starkey, Township Attorney  
Lynnette A. Iannarone, Township Clerk  
Lisa Crate, Mayor  
Joanne Bergin, Business Administrator

**Absent**

Councilman Perry Albanese  
Councilwoman Melissa Travers

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

Motion by Councilman Feinman and seconded by Council Vice President Ambrosino to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the July 9, 2024 meeting and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**Presentation**

Mayor Crate presented a certificate of commendation to Girl Scout Sofia Gonzales-Trelles on receiving her Gold Award for her intergenerational musical engagement program she hosts at our Senior Center twice a week. Sofia said Brick has a high percentage of seniors and after losing her grandmother to Alzheimer's Disease she decided to give back to the senior community many whom face loneliness and depression. She will be starting college in the fall and will study neuroscience. She thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition. Council President Minichino noted the numerous patches on her vest. Mayor Crate and the Council wished her well.

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.

**Authorize Award of Contract for Roadway Improvements to Cherie Manor**

Councilman Feinman advised this resolution authorizes the award of contract in the amount of \$140,413.50 to Meco Inc., for the Roadway Improvements to the Cherie Manor project including Lisa Drive, Princess Avenue and Maria Court. The project generally consists of concrete curb and driveway aprons, reconstruction of curb ramps, full reconstruction of pavement and general surface restoration. Bid notices were provided to 78 prospective bidders from the bidders list and eight requested bid packages. Five bids were received with Meco Inc. being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

**Authorize Award of Contract for Roadway Improvements to Emerson Street**

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract in the amount of \$407,873.50 to Meco Inc., for the Roadway Improvements to the Emerson Street project including Emerson Street, Central Boulevard and Rodgers Road in Greenbriar I. The project generally consists of roadway milling and paving, concrete curb and driveway aprons, reconstruction of curb ramps. Bid notices were provided to 78 prospective bidders from our bidders list and eight requested bid packages. Five bids were received with Meco Inc being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

**Authorize Award of Contract to Workforce Ready (UKG)**

Council President Minichino explained this resolution authorizes award of contract in the amount of \$112,295.42 with SHI International Corporation. This contract is for the annual maintenance and support of the Workforce Ready software used for time and attendance, employee records and payroll.

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**Authorize 2024-2025 Consumption Liquor License Renewal – DadsBar Corp. t/a Arrowhead Inn**

Councilwoman Pontoriero said this resolution authorizes the renewal of the plenary retail consumption license issued to DadsBar Corporation, trading as the Arrowhead Inn on Highway 88.

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

- Inspection Fund Release – Block 169, Lot 27
- Inspection Fund Release – Block 1068, Lot 27
- Performance Bond Release – Block 1092.01, Lot 4

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

- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 211.17, Lot 4

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 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.

Council President Minichino abstained on Teamsters.

**2024 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$30,587,794.86**

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 Council Vice President Ambrosino to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**2024 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$2,180,760.41**

**Ordinance on Second Reading**

**Amend Chapter 245 to Establish Requirements for Maximum Driveway Width in the R-5 and R-7.5 Zones and to Establish Design and Setback Requirements for Parking Areas**

Clerk Iannarone read the title of Ordinance in the record.

Council Vice President Ambrosino advised the Council's Land Use Committee recommended this ordinance to establish some rules regarding the width of driveways designated by curb cuts in an effort to ultimately create more on-street parking especially in certain parts of town such as the barrier island and mainland waterfront development who would benefit from by having more on street parking. The absence of these regulations has allowed some property owners to essentially create a driveway the entire length of their lots causing no usable area along the right-of-way for parking. This ordinance establishes a minimum (18 feet) and maximum (25 feet) requirement between two driveways. If more than one driveway, they can be no more than 18 feet.

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Council President Minichino opened for public comment.

Nan Coll said she did not remember this being on first reading but that she missed quite a few meetings. She asked what brought this up and are there a lot of driveways that exceed the width regulations and where are they located.

Council Vice President Ambrosino said a double driveway maximum is 18 feet with 25 feet space between two driveways. Any existing driveways would be grandfathered in but places such as the barrier island that have gravel on their front yard, use their whole yard for parking leaving no on street parking.

Toni of Cedarbridge Manor questioned the setback on the driveway. She said they love their new park but there is no parking. It's on a bend and there was an incident two weeks ago with cars blocked in with open fires in the park. What would happen in areas like her neighborhood.

Mayor Crate responded that there was a neighborhood watch meeting held there and Officer Berkeley is aware and said the police should be called.

Council President Minichino said existing driveways there would be grandfathered in.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Council Vice President Ambrosino to Adopt the following Ordinance on Second Reading and said Ordinance be published as provided by law:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 245 TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR MAXIMUM DRIVEWAY WIDTH IN THE R-5 AND R-7.5 ZONES AND TO ESTABLISH DESIGN AND SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKING AREAS**

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

John Sluka read his letter dated July 19<sup>th</sup> quoting from the Brick Times article of June 22, 2024 regarding Parkway Noise stating no further mitigation was needed as determined by a sound study. While Mrs. Bergin reviewed the actions taken by the Township stating there was no further justification to continue, he said the Township needed to put constant pressure on the State for the numerous areas affected causing premature deaths and pollution affecting the kids at the bus stops. He thanked the Brick Times for their article.

Nan Coll said there is a lack of good lighting on our dangerous roads. She said Brick is in desperate need of better signage and more room is needed for bikes. She questioned the accident at Route 70 and Herbertsville Road asking if it was fatal.

Business Administrator Bergin replied there was a Nixle alert at 11:22pm on Saturday advising to avoid that area due to a motor vehicle accident but it was not a fatality.

Rob Canfield advised he now works in the firearms industry and said there is an issue with receiving permits. He said according to the State of New Jersey permits should take no more than 30 days to receive and he was told they are three months out.

Business Administrator Bergin said she would look into the delay issue.

Stephen Brill spoke of his concerns at Evergreen Woods due to the NJ Parkway expansion. He said the DEP's mission statement is to protect the environment and public health. He said they never asked for input from Evergreen Woods. They accepted monies without protecting the environment. The widening was larger than it stated. He referred to a report and email from 2013 that trees can fail. Recently he said a tree crashed onto a car on July 11, 2024. He asked for Brick Township's representatives to insist that the State Attorney General investigate the NJTA and DEP regarding this matter.

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Brick should demand compensation for the Evergreen Woods complex – specifically 42 homes affected by the expansion.

Bob Mattilione asked if the cameras for the park were being worked on. He said he was robbed and Brick PD did a great job but they are short-staffed. He asked if the budget can be reconsidered so the police can hire more and help the people. He also inquired about what he needs to move his business to Robinson's Garage on Drum Point Road.

Business Administrator Bergin said the cameras are on IT's to do list. With regards to the what he needs to do for the move, she said she has articulated to him several times on what he needs to move his business. He needs to draw out a proposal with the number of spots for repair and get a motor vehicle selling license if he plans on selling vehicles.

There were no further comments from the public.

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

Mayor Crate thanked everyone for coming out to the SummerFest concerts with the three great bands. July 4<sup>th</sup> had a record crowd. Next year there will be four concerts again. She thanked all of the staff for their hard work – Recreation, Parks, EMS, Police, Fire, Lifeguards and the CERT Team, who are volunteers who assist the Township at events. They need additional volunteers so if you are interested check her Crate Conversation about the CERT team. We also had record 50/50 sales that will benefit the TNR program.

Councilwoman Pontoriero thanked Hackensack Meridian Health for taking care of her this past week or so. She also reminded everyone about the many children in foster care. Anyone can volunteer.

Council Vice President Ambrosino congratulated Sofia on her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Motion by Council Vice President Ambrosino and seconded by Councilwoman deJong to Adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

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Vince Minichino  
Council President

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Lynnette A. Iannarone  
Township Clerk