

August 27, 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

Kevin Starkey, 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.

Council President Minichino asked Clerk Iannarone to file the Reports from Municipal Officers.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilman Feinman to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the August 13, 2024 meeting and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Councilwoman deJong and Council Vice President Ambrosino abstained due to their absences.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Crate presented Mayor's proclamations the managers and coaches of two Brick Little League teams. Each player received a certificate from the Mayor and Council President. Champion teams were the Brick Little League Minors who captured the first Mason Invitational Tournament Championship in the league's history defeating the Freehold Township Blue Team by a score of 5-4 in July and the Brick Little League Farm Division All Stars who won the Coach Pitch Tournament hosted by Holbrook Little League. It was only the second time in their history of winning this championship.

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 Insertion of Chapter 159 – NJDCA Brick Twp. Senior Center 2024 Grant

Councilwoman deJong explained this resolution authorizes the insertion of a grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Brick Township Senior Center. The Township has applied, and received, multiple grants for the renovation of the senior center, dialysis transportation and for the Brick Community Cafe mobile lunch program. The Community Cafe takes place every Monday and Friday at the Senior Center and the third Thursday of the month at the Housing Authority.

Authorize Award of Contract for Purchase & Delivery of Office Supplies

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract in the amount of \$35,000.00 per year to W.B. Mason Company for the purchase and delivery of office supplies. The contract is being awarded through the Stafford Township Cooperative Pricing System.

Authorize Award of Contract for Automotive Parts, Supplies and Repairs for Vehicles under 15,000 GVW

Council President Minichino advised this resolution authorizes the award of contract in the amount of \$35,000.00 per year to Freehold Ford and Larson Ford or automotive parts, supplies and repairs for vehicles under 15,000 gross vehicle weight. Bid notices were

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provided to 36 prospective bidders from the bidder's list and eight requested bid packages. Two bids were received.

Authorize Adoption of Brick Twp. Community Energy Plan (CEP) for NJ Board of Public Utilities CEP Grant

Councilwoman deJong said this resolution authorizes the adoption of a Township Community Energy Plan that was developed to help the Township meet the goals of the New Jersey Energy Master Plan. Community Energy Planning is the process by which communities collaboratively select and strategically implement emission-reducing initiatives that fulfill the State's Energy Master Plan goals including sustainable strategies that increase clean energy production, reduce energy use and cut emissions.

Authorize Agreement with NJ Department of Community Affairs Local Planning Services

Council Vice President Ambrosino advised this resolution authorizes an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to assist in preparing the Township's Economic Development Master Plan. As part of the Township's Plan Endorsement by the State Planning Commission, the Township is required to follow a Planning Implementation Agreement that proscribes a number of tasks related to community planning, zoning, resiliency and community development.

Authorize Special Events Permit – 2nd Annual Allie's Army 5K and Fun Run

Mayor Crate advised this resolution authorizes a special event permit for the Brick PBA Local 230's 2nd annual Allie's Army 5K and Fun Run scheduled for October 20, 2024. The event is scheduled from 8 am to 4 pm on Sunday, October 20 at the Drum Point Sports Complex and the Brick PAL.

Authorize Special Events Permit – Theater in the Park: The Little Mermaid Event

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes a special event permit for the Brick Children's Community Theater to conduct a Theater in the Park: The Little Mermaid Event on Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21 (with a rain date of Sunday, September 22) at Windward Beach Park.

Authorize Special Events Permit – Laurelton Fire Co. Car Show

Councilman Feinman explained this resolution authorizes a special event permit for the Laurelton Fire Company to host a car show on September 1 (with a rain date of September 8) from 9 am to 3 pm at Icarus Brewing, 2045 Route 88.

Tax Collector: Business Administrator Bergin advised of the following:

- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 124, Lot 10.03.
- Tax Overpayments 2024 – Block 701.35, Lot 24; Block 870.05, Lot 124.

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 Councilman Albanese 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 \$13,750,483.73.

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

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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 \$2,118,244.88

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

John Sluka read his letter dated August 25, 2024 regarding issues created by the parkway expansion. He said there is a problem with fallen trees and air pollution harming citizens. 14-20 ft. high noise walls are needed in various areas throughout the Township and replanting needs to take place. He said that he is aware that the Mayor will have a meeting with the NJ Turnpike Authority in late September.

Paul Hulse of Just Believe Inc. said he heard Brick was interested in a warming center. He runs one in Toms River and has taken 171 people out of homelessness along with 13 animals. He would be willing to work with Brick and brought brochures about his non-profit organization.

Lauren Sheridan said she is a softball coach and asked if something could be done to address the permit fees to utilize fields. She has one team and is a 501-c-3 and the cost has gotten very expensive for them for the season. She asked if the ordinance can be to have a blanket permit. She runs this team to assist the girls to obtain college scholarships. She said she has lived here for the past 17 years and hopes to continue to do so with use of the fields.

Bob Mattilione stated there is a situation with electric bikes in town. Some of them traveling faster than a car without helmets. He witnessed one traveling on the wrong side of the road.

Council President Minichino advised there are conversations happening about them.

There were no further comments from the public.

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

Business Administrator Bergin said that the council public safety committee Chair Ambrosino could speak on it but advised they are working with the police department for enhanced enforcement but it is under State law.

Mayor Crate said she was honored to do a ribbon cutting for Lovebird Café on Drum Point Road. Tomorrow is the final Traders Cove concert – Strictly 60's. They were rained out originally.

Attorney Starkey agreed about the issue of motorized bicycles but said they are subject to State law and as a Township they are limited but it is high on their list of concerns.

Councilman Albanese congratulated the Brick Little League Minors and 7-year-old All Stars. He said he grew up in Brick and also played little league and it was a great experience.

Councilwoman Pontoriero thanked Mr. Hulse for providing warming centers as it will save lives. There is also a need for CASA workers who act as advocates for children in the foster care program.

Councilwoman deJong also congratulated the little leagues.

Councilman Feinman advised of the senior property tax rebate program (PTR) with a

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deadline to submit of October 31. He said that Senior Services can assist with completing the form.

Council Vice President Ambrosino was happy to celebrate the baseball teams and their championships are a testament to their spirit and hard work. He also thanked Mike Desmond who oversees the program. He agreed that electric bikes are dangerous but they are bound by State law. It is against the law to modify them to make them go faster. He said that the PD has put out information and gives them updates but they are well aware of the issue.

Motion by Councilwoman deJong and seconded by Council Vice President Ambrosino to Adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Vince Minichino
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk