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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 June 28, 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 Marianna Pontoriero  
Councilwoman Heather deJong  
Councilwoman Melissa Travers  
Council Vice President Derrick Ambrosino  
Council President Vince Minichino

**Also Present**

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

**Absent**

Councilman Perry Albanese  
Councilman Steve Feinman

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

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

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilwoman Travers to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 10, 2024 meeting and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Crate presented a certificate of commendation to resident Caitlyn DeLanoy on becoming an Eagle Scout. Caitlyn advised she is the first female in Troop 600 of Point Pleasant Beach. Her project was to create a tribute to the fallen K9s for the Point Pleasant Police Department. She fundraised \$17,000 for a bronze statue of a German Shepherd to be placed at the police station.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Council Vice President Ambrosino to adopt the following Resolutions:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – 2024 Community Development Block Grant**

Council President Minichino advised this resolution authorizes the insertion of a grant in the amount of \$285,486.00 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2024 Community Development Block Grant program. In this grant, the Township receives funds for home improvements to income-qualified senior citizens and also awards grant funds to non-profit organizations that serve the public.

**Authorize Cancellation of Checks – Municipal Court Bail Account**

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the cancellation of outstanding checks in the amount of \$550.00 in the Municipal Court's bail account.

**Authorize Bid – Bay View Drive Roadway Elevation – Drum Point Road to Adair Drive**

Council Vice President Ambrosino explained this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the Bay View Drive Roadway Elevation Project. The project consists of reconstruction and milling of Bay View Drive from Drum Point Road to Adair Drive. The project is partially funded through a NJDOT Municipal Aid grant.

**Authorize Receipt of Proposals – 2025 Professional Services**

Councilwoman deJong said this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for 2025 professional services. The current pool of professionals is valid through December 31, 2024.

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**Authorize Award of Contract – Purchase & Delivery of 2025 Ford F250 4x4 Pickup Truck**

Councilwoman Travers advised this resolution authorizes an award of contract in the amount of \$69,406.32 with American Ford. The Township will be acquiring a 2025 or newer Ford F250 pick-up truck through the Ocean County Cooperative Contract. Funding for this purchase was approved in the 2024 capital budget.

**Authorize Award of Contract – Purchase & Delivery of One John Deere 4052R Compact Utility Tractor**

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the award of contract in the amount of \$82,644.43 with Deere & Company. The Township will be acquiring a utility tractor with attachments through the Education Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System. Funding for this purchase was approved in the 2024 capital budget.

**Authorize Award of Contract – Purchase & Delivery of Five ADA Series Bleachers**

Council Vice President Ambrosino advised this resolution authorizes the award of contract in the amount of \$46,649.47 with Ben Shaffer Recreation for the purchase and delivery of five ADA Series bleachers for the Parks Department. This is a State Contract purchase and was approved in the 2024 capital budget.

**Authorize Close-Out Change Order #1 – 2023 Road Program – Lakewood Gardens**

Councilwoman Pontoriero explained this resolution authorizes a close out change order for the Lakewood Gardens roadway resurfacing program. This close-out change order reflects a decrease in the amount of \$109,796.15 as a result of final as-built quantities.

**Authorize Special Events Permit – Beacon 70 Oktoberfest**

Councilwoman Travers said this resolution authorizes a special events permit for an Oktoberfest Event scheduled between 1 and 8 pm Sunday, October 13 at Beacon 70 on Route 88.

**Authorize Placement of Tax Lien for Property Clean-Ups – Block 1406.05, Lot 99**

Council President Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the placement of a tax lien for a property cleanup at 588 Pennsylvania Drive in the amount of \$825.43.

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

- Cash Performance Bond Release – Block 190, Lot 33
- Performance Bond Release – Block 323, Lot 15
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**Tax Collector:** Business Administrator Bergin advised of the following:

- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 173, Lot 6.06
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 380.11, Lot 2
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 380.15, Lot 18
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 446.14, Lot 3
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 870.10, Lot 20
- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 1386, Lot 10
- 50% of the 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 1429.02, Lot 2
- Tax Overpayments 2022 & 2023 – Block 1170, Lot 19.01
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- Tax Overpayments 2024 – Block 210.03, Lot 4; Block 446, Lot 3; Block 889, Lot 4
- Tax Overpayments 2024 – Block 1170, Lot 19.01
- Issue Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate – Block 134, Lot 1.01

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.

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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 Council Vice President Ambrosino and seconded by Councilwoman Travers 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 \$13,010,319.42**

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 Councilwoman Pontoriero to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

### **2024 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$2,042,005.68**

#### **Ordinance on First Reading**

#### **Amending Chapter 324 Entitled “Peddling and Soliciting”**

Clerk Iannarone read the Title of the Ordinance into the record.

Council President Minichino explained the Township offers two types of mobile food licenses: Class 1 and Class 2. This ordinance modifies the amount of time that a Class 2 license can stay at any one location to up to six hours from the current regulation which is two hours. This ordinance comes as a recommendation from the Council’s Business & Finance Committee.

Motion by Council Vice President Ambrosino and seconded by Councilwoman deJong to Adopt the following Ordinance on First 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 THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK IN CHAPTER 324 ENTITLED “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING”**

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

Mike Bender, head coach for the traveling softball team the Brick Bombers inquired of use of a vacant softball field located at 154 Duchess Lane. He stated he moved here ten years ago from Maryland and is very involved with his children’s activities. He said they are willing to maintain the field in order to have a place to call home for his players. Other organizations have their own fields and space is always limited. They have two teams – 10-year olds and 12-year olds and he came tonight looking for a more permanent solution. (Team members and parents were also present.)

Business Administrator Bergin said it was the first she was hearing about this and advised they do not own that field. She said there’s been a lot of transition within the Township and asked Mr. Bender to give her a chance to look into it.

Melissa Nash said she was the first girl to play on the Brick American Little League years ago and is in the Baseball Hall of Fame Little League section in Cooperstown, New York. She believes the PBA owns the field and said this is the perfect spot for this team. These

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girls deserve a field and for the Township could consider it an investment in sports and this team.

Michael DeGeorge of 249 Brick Blvd. is a developer and his daughter is part of the program. He is willing to help with sub-contractors to get the field in shape.

Robert Zelnock advised he's lived in Brick since high school and loves it here and wants to do right by the kids. He said the head coach is compassionate and under the township's direction would like the team to have something available for them.

Council President Minichino advised they were unaware of the situation and will look into it.

There were no further comments from the public.

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

Mayor Crate thanked the residents for coming out tonight to share their concerns but also stated they were not aware of the situation so they will look into it. She thanked residents for attending the Longest Table Event and said that there were approximately 150 residents in attendance including members of the clergy, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Police Department, Kiwanis and Garden Club. A lot of information was exchanged and she hoped it help make Brick feel smaller.

Councilwoman Pontoriero congratulated the newest Eagle Scout and thanked all of the young women that came out tonight from the softball team. She also hoped that by seeing how government works it would encourage them to go into politics.

Councilwoman deJong congratulated Mayor Crate on the Longest Table event. She said it was a great success and something the Mayor has been wanting to do since she was on council.

Councilwoman Travers congratulated the Eagle Scout and thanked the softball team for coming out and said they will look into it.

Council Vice President Ambrosino said the Longest Table was a nice event and way to meet other people and find a common thread. He congratulated Caitlyn DeLanoy on receiving Eagle Scout and thanked the Brick Bombers for attending the meeting.

Council President Minichino also congratulated Caitlyn and told the Brick Bombers they would look into the field situation.

Motion by Councilwoman deJong and seconded by Council Vice President Ambrosino to Adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

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Vince Minichino  
Council President

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Lynnette A. Iannarone  
Township Clerk