

MEETING MINUTES

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
BUSINESS MEETING
March 19, 2024
6:00 pm**

Call to Order

Flag Salute

ROLL CALL: BAULDERSTONE X LOPARO X DODD X

STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending a copy of the Notice of Meeting to two newspapers, The Asbury Park Press and the Press of Atlantic City. The Notice was posted at the office of the Township Clerk

Resolution 2024-118

Resolution appointing Daniel Dellane as a Full-Time Patrol Officer to the Ocean Township Police Department starting on March 22, 2024.

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-118 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

Chief Rogalski discussed Daniel Dellane was born and raised in Toms River, NJ. He is a 2015 graduate of Toms River High School North and subsequent graduate of Ocean County College. He is currently attending Kean University and hopes to receive his Bachelors Degree in Psychology. Professionally, Daniel has served as a Special Police Officer Class I in Point Pleasant Beach and a Class II in Seaside Heights after attending the Ocean County Police Academy. In 2021, Daniel became a full time Police Officer in Pemberton Borough, Burlington County, where he has been ever since. Daniel comes to Ocean Township from a family of Police Officers starting with his Grandfather, Retired Captain of the Toms River Police Department. His father, Retired Sergeant from Manchester Township and his two uncles, recently Retired Chief Thomas Dellane from Stafford and current Deputy Chief of Toms River Township. Daniel, welcome to the Ocean Township Police Department. Always remember to live with honor and serve with pride.

Patrolman Dellane was sworn in by Deputy Mayor LoParo.

5-minute recess for pictures

Committee Reports

Committeeman – Ken Baulderstone

Good evening.

Recycling Grant – 2021. The Township of Ocean will be receiving \$11,223.00 for the 2021 recycling performance. Reducing, reusing, and recycling solid waste remains one of the best ways the public can protect the environment.

Shredding Date. The Ocean County Department of Solid Waste has announced the Spring 2024 dates for document shredding. This will take place in Waretown on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am or until the trucks are full. Paper only. Four (4) file boxes for each vehicle. No plastic bags.

Department of Public Works

DPW sold older equipment and products no longer used. The Township received a total of \$8,032.99 for all items sold.

The Township has registered for the Apprenticeship Program for Water/Wastewater Operators. The Township will receive \$10,000 per employee. The Township has signed up two employees for the program for a savings of \$20,000 per year.

Ordinance 2024-3. Tonight, the Township is introducing an ordinance to charge for temporary use of water hydrant meters. Each developer of a property located within the Township is required to use a hydrant meter equipped with reduced pressure backflow prevention and support stand. The Township is implementing a daily rental fee of \$100.00 and the developer shall post a rental deposit of \$1,000.00. The public hearing will be April 4, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Ordinance 2024-4. Tonight, the Township is introducing an ordinance required by the State of New Jersey regarding stormwater regulations and privately-owned salt storage facilities. The public hearing will be held on April 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Resolution 2024-122. This resolution proclaims March 2024 as Senior Nutrition Programs month. The Township Committee is celebrating senior nutrition programs and urges community members to recognize the Older American Act Nutrition Program and Meals on Wheels program for their heroic efforts to help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.

Resolution 2024-131. This resolution authorizes the Town to go out for bid for a valve exercising machine. This is a requirement of the Water Quality Accountability Act. This machine will allow for the Township to handle this work in-house for the safety of the employees. This will be a substantial savings compared to having an outside company come to exercise the valves. Once the bids are received an award will be made for the purchase of the machine.

Resolution 2024-132. This resolution authorizes the discharge of the performance bond and approving a Change Order. The change order is adjusting the contract quantities and resulting in a decrease in the contract amount from \$57,000.00 to \$54,500.00 for the 2022 CDBG Barrier Free Access Improvement at the Construction office.

Senior Advisory

NEW – Ocean County Board of Social Services Mobile Unit will be at the Engle Sprague Senior Center on the 3rd Monday of each month from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm for information and any assistance they can lend to a resident and discuss items with family members.

Fulfill will be coming on April 15th with their mobile food pantry from 12-1 pm. If you or anyone you know is struggling with being able to put food on the table, please come and attend. Fulfill will give out food and fresh produce, which foodbanks do not always provide fresh produce.

The next Senior Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for April 15th, 2024 at 10:00 am.

All programs and meals at the Engle Sprague Senior Center are very well attended and attendance continues to increase every month. Please register. All are welcome.

Wellness speaker programs and activities are offered after every meal. Please pick up the calendar in the back of the room or on the Township website and e-mail for events at the Senior Center. There is a new speaker every week. There was a very good presentation yesterday, a doctor discussed varicose veins.

Ocean County Congregate Meals. Hot meals are served on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday there is Pizza and a wellness speaker program after the meals. Every Tuesday Bingo is held for nominal prizes.

Everyone is welcome to attend. It is a wonderful way to socialize, meet new people and just be able to be out of the house. Calendars are on the back table and the Township's website.

Thank you.

Deputy Mayor – Ben LoParo

Thank you for coming to the Township Committee meeting this evening.

The Township of Ocean's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 24th at Corliss Park Lake & Recreation Area. This event is open to all children ages up to 12 years old. All are requested to bring your own basket or bag and the Easter Bunny will be in attendance to take pictures with during the event. Ages 6 and under are scheduled for 1:00 pm start. Ages 7-12 years old are scheduled for 2:00 pm start. All times start promptly so be there before the scheduled time. This is a great event that everyone enjoys.

Resolution 2024-134. This resolution is for funding for the Municipal Alliance. The Township must submit their strategic plan for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The Township of Ocean has submitted a request for \$8,031.00. This money is used for after-school programs at the school including Girl Power and the Chess Club to name a few, throughout the year. It also assists with some of the Senior Citizen programs.

Municipal Alliance. Please be reminded classes for Zumba, Toning, Forever Young and Line Dancing have resumed at the Community Center. Yoga is offered on Tuesdays 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm and now Mondays & Tuesdays - Gentile Yoga from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. A person can pay by class or walk ins are always welcome.

Recreation Bus Trips

The Philadelphia Flower Show bus trip on March 8, 2024 was a great success. The bus was sold out and many have asked to schedule this trip again for next year.

July 14, 2024 – Yankees vs. Orioles at Camden Yards – Sold out. Recreation will be holding a waiting list for any cancellations. The cost is \$99.00 per person.

October 23, 2024 – Sight and Sound. The Show is Daniel. The cost is \$184.00 per person.

All of these trips sell out each year. Please reserve your seat. The information is on the website or come to Town Hall.

Thank you.

Mayor – Lydia M. Dodd

Thank you for joining us this evening.

February 2024 Construction/Zoning Report

Zoning Department. 52 applications approved, 14 applications pending review and 5 denial applications.

Code Enforcement. 32 Notices of Violation.

Construction. 74 Construction Permits issued.

Resolution 2024-120. This resolution authorizes an increase in the Temporary Budget. These increases are included in the Final Budget when presented. The Township is working diligently to complete the budget for 2024.

Resolution 2024-12. This resolution authorizes the Township to sell old and surplus items. The Township departments have equipment being sold “as is” on GovDeals. All of these items are from the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company.

Resolution 2024-13. This resolution authorizes replacement bonds from Forestar Real Estate Group, Inc. and returning the original bonds put in place by D.R. Horton Inc.

Thank you.

Police Chief - Michal Rogalski

Chief Rogalski read the February 2024 Police Report. The Police Department handled 3,677 incidents for police service, 3 abandoned 911 calls, 22 alarms activated and responded to, 17 animal complaints, 2,074 individual business/residential checks, 3 acts of criminal mischief, 8 acts of domestic violence, 15 verbal disputes/harassment complaints, 19 disabled vehicles, 2 drunk drivers, 1 drug arrest, 94 first aid calls, 50 general complaints, 17 motor vehicle accidents, 292 motor vehicle stops which issued 52 summonses, 11 incidents of mental health crisis, 14 persons were arrested on various warrants, 2 shoplifting incidents, 49 suspicious persons and/or vehicles were investigated and 2 thefts from a residence were investigated. A full list of this activity is on the Township website.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to open Public Comment was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

Jack Warren, Nautilus Road, discussed his lagoon is really bad this year. He is not going to be able to get in and out of his lagoon. One boat went in and got stuck. Homeowners on that lagoon use the water and have taken care of it for years but have not been able to get rid of the dredge spoils for two years. It's \$100 a yard. The residents cannot afford it. There are 48 houses, 27 are year-round. The property values of the homes will go down if we can't use the water.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed he appreciates Mr. Warren's comments. That is something the Township Engineer can look into.

John Shwiner, Nautilus Road, discussed the residents have been paying for dredging. The spoils were put on Crystal Point and their contractor removed it. The residents need help getting rid of the spoils. The dredge material disposal is too much money and requested the Township come up with a plan together with the residents.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the procedure was different back then. Townships did not have to tell the State where the dredge materials were being disposed. In order to obtain the permit, today the State requires the location the dredge materials are being taken and need to be on the permit.

Township Engineer Jason Worth discussed the disposal part is always the second step. The Township would have to discuss. If the Township were to dredge, it is a lot more money that the Homeowners Association. The Township is paying prevailing wages, etc. The cost goes up and up. The second element is finding a place to dispose of it. Different places will take it but charge a varying amount of money. They are going to try to use that product and make something different. Landfills use it as a capping material. Others use it to fill properties by making topsoil or mulch out of it.

Mayor Lydia Dodd discussed the Township is going to keep looking for ways to assist the Homeowners Associations.

Motion to close Public Comment was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes: February 20, 2024

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

Resolution 2024-119 Payment of Claims as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$535,439.55.

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-3 First Reading – Title Only

An ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Establishing Article VI entitled “Temporary Use of Water Hydrant Meters” In Section 400-33 of the Township Code

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-3 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-4 - First Reading – Title Only

An Ordinance of the Township of ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey establishing Chapter 412 of the Township Code Entitled “Privately-Owned Salt Storage.”

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-4 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Boulderstone.

Roll Call: Boulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

Resolution 2024-120

Resolution authorizing an increase to the temporary budget in the amount of \$8,115,842.00 for the current budget and \$2,248,978.00 for the utility fund.

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Boulderstone.

Roll Call: Boulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

Consent Agenda

The below listed items are considered to be routine by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- 2024-121 Resolution authorizing the disposal of Surplus Property of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean State of New Jersey for the sale of items from the Waretown Volunteer Fire Department
- 2024-122 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Proclaiming March 2024 as Senior Nutrition Programs Month
- 2024-123 Resolution authorizing Treasurer refund \$369.00 Scott’s Electric as it was intended for the Building Department
- 2024-124 Resolution authorizing a refund for Block 226, Lot 6 is a totally disabled Veteran and is exempt from taxes and refund of \$1,085.20.
- 2024-125 Resolution authorizing a refund for Block 57.04, Lot 122 is a totally disabled Veteran and is exempt from taxes and refund \$1,348.73.
- 2024-126 Resolution authorizing a refund for Block 57.27, Lot 1 is a totally disabled Veteran and is exempt from taxes and refund \$1,751.55.
- 2024-127 Resolution authorizing a refund for Block 176, Lot 3.02 is a totally disabled Veteran and is exempt from taxes and refund \$1,437.58.
- 2024-128 Resolution authorizing a refund for overpayment to Block 124, Lot 25.01 in the amount of \$964.05.
- 2024-129 Resolution authorizing a refund for overpayment to Block 57.10, Lot 313 in the amount of \$1,030.00.
- 2024-130 Resolution authorizing an appropriating transfer in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- 2024-131 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN E.H. WACHS STANDARD LX SINGLE TURNER VALVE MAINTENANCE TRAILER

- 2024-132 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND AND DISCHARGING PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE FY 2022 CDBG BARRIER FREE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICE
- 2024-133 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2023-287 WHICH ACCEPTED REPLACEMENT PERFORMANCE BOND FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR OCEAN ISLE BLOCK 241.11, LOTS 12.02, 13.01, AND 13.02; BLOCK 343, LOT 20; BLOCK 352, LOT 1
- 2024-134 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Regarding the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse submitting the strategic plan for fiscal year July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$8,031.00
- 2024-135 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Proclaiming March 12, 2024 as National Service Recognition Day and the Week of April 21-April 27, 2024 as National Volunteer Week
- 2024-136 Resolution authoring the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee for Block 128, Lot 5 – 9 Colts Neck Drive
- 2024-137 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPTING IN TO THE EMERGENCY BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.5 ET SEQ.

Motion to approve Resolutions 2024-121 through 2024-137

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Boulderstone.
Roll Call: Boulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

Motion to approve the below listed dates for the use of the Community Center, Corliss Park Lake & Recreation Area, Waretown Bayfront Park & Pier, Toumey Park, and Ballfields:

Recreation Department – Pickleball Camp – July 22-25, 2024 – Corliss Park
Naomi Madison – Baby Shower – April 21, 2024
Theresa Siciliano – May 4, 2024
Jessica & Anthony Napolitano – April 20, 2024
Amanda Vega – June 2, 2024

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Boulderstone.
Roll Call: Boulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

Next Scheduled Business Meetings

April 4, 2024 - 9:00 am - Regular Business Meeting

April 16, 2024 – 6:00 pm - Regular Business Meeting

**Meetings can be added or cancelled as necessary

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date