

MEETING MINUTES

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
BUSINESS MEETING
January 16, 2024
6:00 pm**

Call to Order

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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

Committee Reports

Committeeman – Ken Boulderstone

Good evening.

Resolutions 2024-89 & 2024-90. Due to the retirement of Matt Ambrosio, Superintendent of Public Works along with a resignation, the Township has held interviews and filled open positions within the Department of Public Works.

Starting February 1st, the Superintendent of Public Works will be Daniel Kehoe. The Foremen for the Department will be Jason Ambrogio and Brian Rizzolo. At this time the Township is appointing Jason Ambrogio as Operator of Record for the Township of Ocean for the year 2024.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Grants/Municipal Aid. Improvements to Bonita Road – 2021 Grant. Earle Asphalt has completed final repairs.

Improvements to Marine Road and Bayview Drive – 2022 Grant. Milling and paving work is now complete on Bayview Drive, Marine Road, Point Road, and Lagoon View Road. South State has completed driveway repairs and preliminary yard restoration. The final yard restoration will be completed in the Spring and the new tide valves will also be reset.

Improvements to Beacon Drive and Nautilus Road – 2023 Grant. Black Rock has now completed milling and base paving work on Beacon Drive and Nautilus Road. Surface course paving is to be completed in the Spring.

NJDOT Grant/Municipal Aid – 2024. The Township has submitted for Letts Landing Road, Crosswind Road, and Keelson Drive. The Township has been notified that the grant award will be in the amount of \$404,340.00. This does not include the drainage work that will need to be completed. The Township will have to bond for the total amount of the project and the NJDOT will reimburse the Township when the project is complete.

Fulfill will be coming on January 22nd and February 26th with their Mobile Food Pantry from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at the Community Center. If you or anyone you know is struggling with being able to put food

on the table, please come and attend. Fulfill will be giving out food and fresh produce, which foodbanks do not always provide fresh produce.

Senior Services

All programs and meals at the Engle Sprague Senior Center are very well attended. 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.

Ocean County Congregate Meals. Hot meals are served on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Tuesdays 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 on the Township's website.

Thank you.

Deputy Mayor – Ben LoParo

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

Resolution 2024-93. This resolution accepts the resignation of a Police Officer. The Police Department has posted the job of Police Officer since December with the closing date of January 19, 2024 no later than 12:00 pm noon. At that time, the Police Chief will review the applicants and set up the physical fitness exam, which is the first part of the hiring process.

Resolution 2024-88. This resolution is appointing the Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators, which are 3-year appointments. The law has been changed and the Emergency Management Coordinator no longer needs to be a Township resident. The Township is appointing the Chief of Police, Michal Rogalski, as the coordinator for the next 3 years.

Municipal Alliance

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

Recreation Bus Trips

March 8, 2024 – The Philadelphia Flower Show. Cost is \$90.00 per person.

July 14, 2024 – Yankees vs. Orioles at Camden Yards. Cost is \$99.00 per person.

October 23, 2024 – Sight and Sound. The Show is Daniel. 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.

December 2023 - Construction/Zoning Report

Zoning Department. 23 applications approved, 24 applications pending review and 4 denial applications.

Code Enforcement. 8 Notices of Violation and 1 property abated their violation.

Ordinance 2024-1. Tonight, the Township will hold the public hearing on rescinding and deleting the cannabis overlay zone. As discussed at previous meetings, this area is not right for this type of business. This zoning and overlay zone will be removed in the Township Codebook and will not be reintroduced.

Resolution 2024-85. This resolution authorizes the Township to sell old and surplus items. The Waretown Volunteer First Aid has some older radios and equipment they had requested to sell on GovDeals.

Project Updates. Salad Works is having their soft opening this week. There will be a ribbon cutting this Saturday, January 20, 2024 at noon.

Thank you.

Chief of Police - Michal Rogalski

Chief Rogalski read the December 2023 Police Report. The Police Department handled 3,931 incidents for police service, 3 abandoned 911 calls, 30 alarms activated and responded to, 17 animal complaints, 1 act of criminal mischief, 8 acts of domestic violence, 13 verbal disputes/harassment complaints, 4 drunk drivers, 95 first aid calls, 27 motor vehicle accidents, 229 motor vehicle stops, 8 juvenile complaints, 6 incidents of mental health crisis, 11 persons were arrested on various warrants, 3 shoplifting incidents, 39 suspicious persons and/or vehicles 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

No comment from the public.

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: December 19, 2023, January 1, 2024, and January 4, 2024 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

Resolution 2024-83 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$5,042,979.43 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1 - Second Reading – Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REPEALING ORDINANCE 2023-23 AND REMOVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DELETING CANNABIS OVERLAY ZONE NUMBER 3

Motion to open Public Comment for Ordinance 2024-1 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

No comment from the public.

Motion to close Public Comment for Ordinance 2024-1 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-1 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.
Roll Call: Baulderstone: 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.

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| 2024-84 | Resolution of the Township of Ocean County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing the release of escrow money held in the name of Herman Zell in the amount of \$16,214.58. |
| 2024-85 | Resolution authorizing disposal of surplus property of the Township of Ocean County of Ocean, State of New Jersey for pagers, docking stations, Motorola radios for the Volunteer First Aid Department |
| 2024-86 | Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing release of the performance guarantee for sewer improvement for Tradewinds at Waretown for Block 131, Lot 4 |
| 2024-87 | Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authorizing release of the performance guarantee of the performance guarantee |

- subject to the posting of a maintenance guarantee for site improvements for Tradewinds at Waretown Block 131, Lot 4
- 2024-88 Resolution appointing Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Emergency Management coordinators for a three (3) year term
- 2024-89 Resolution appointing Brian J. Rizzolo as Foreman/Utility and Jason Ambrogio as Foreman/Dpw
In accordance with General Laborers Union Local 173 of South Jersey contract dated January 1, 2023 -December 31, 2027
- 2024-90 Resolution appointing Jason Ambrogio as Operator of Record for the Township of Ocean starting on February 1, 2024
- 2024-91 Resolution appointing Water Resource Management as Backup Licensed Operator service starting February 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024
- 2024-92 Appointing members as representatives for the year 2024 Community Development Block Grant
- 2024-93 Resolution accepting Patrolman Joel M. Sawyer's resignation from the Police Department

Motion to approve Resolutions 2023-84 through 2023-93

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

Resolution 2024-94

Resolution authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session for the reason: Personnel Matters

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:

John Fogerty – March 2, 2024

Megan Dillion – January 27, 2024

Waretown Thunder – Mon.–Sun. 3/15/24–11/30/24, Except June 21-23, 2024 Food Truck Festival

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

Township Attorney Dasti discussed there will not be official action after Executive Session so the Mayor can ask for a motion to adjourn

Next Scheduled Business Meetings

February 1, 2024 – 9:30 am – 2nd Hearing CDBG

February 1, 2024 – 10:00 am Regular Business Meeting

February 20, 2024 - 6:00 pm – Regular Business Meeting

March 7, 2024 – 10:00 am Regular Business Meeting

March 19, 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