

MEETING MINUTES

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
COUNTY OF OCEAN
BUSINESS MEETING
July 16, 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

Committee Reports

Committeeman – Ken Baulderstone

Good evening.

This morning the water tower and the Route 532 water treatment plant experienced low pressure. The Department of Public Works worked diligently to correct the issue. Due to all the sprinklers in Greenbriar going on around the same time in the morning, the pressure can become an issue. The Department of Public Works was able to have all items and pressure back online as quickly as possible.

The water pressure was never under the legal limit as per New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection standards. That is why boiling water or any other precaution did not need to be taken and residents were not informed by the Township of Ocean to boil water or take precautions, as it was not required. The tank and Route 532 water treatment plant will continue to be monitored to ensure this does not happen again. Please note the entire Township used more water last month than ever in the history of the Township.

Resolution 2024-205 & 212. These resolutions are authorizing the close out of the 2021 & 2022 NJ DOT Municipal Aid program for final payment and maintenance bond.

Resolution 2024-206 & 207. Resolutions authorizing the hiring of Jesse Schimmenti as a Full-Time Department of Public Works employee, since an employee resigned. Also, hiring Kevin Hayes as a part-time employee, not to exceed 25 hours per week, for the Department of Public Works for the year 2024. Welcome to the Department of Public Works Team.

Resolution 2024-217. This resolution is rejecting the bid on the Dock Avenue Pump Station upgrades. Only one bid was received and it was over the Engineers' estimate. The Township cannot certify the funding. The Township Utility Engineer and Department of Public Works Superintendent will review the bids to make some changes and rebid the project.

Resolution 2024-218. This resolution is placing a municipal lien on 48 Bay Parkway in the amount of \$343.94 for property maintenance.

Department of Public Works

Made improvements to the park at Crystal Bay Peninsula, adding split rail fencing and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) walking path. Installed additional Adopt-A-Bench benches and picnic tables for all to enjoy.

Senior Advisory

The next Senior Advisory Meeting will take place September 16th. The Committee does not meet in the Summer but all programs still take place.

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.

Ocean County Congregate Meals. Hot meals are served 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 on the Township's website.

Thank you.

Deputy Mayor – Ben LoParo

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

Resolution 2024-204. This resolution is a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Ocean for utilization of the Ocean County Sherriff's Enforcement Training Facility for Firearms Training and qualification by Ocean Township Police Department Employees. This facility will have state of the art training and qualifying advances. This allows for the Chief of Police to schedule time for training at this facility. This is a great addition for Ocean County as many departments did not have a place to train or qualify.

Free Concert Series. The Township has started the Tuesday night concert series. The concert was well attended and everyone enjoyed bringing their chairs and blankets to Corliss Park. Thank you to Tommy and Maria Siconolfi for their performance. The Township Committee has received many positive comments. The concerts will take place 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, as well as some bug spray and enjoy the event.

All concerts will take place at Corliss Park Lake & Recreation Area:

7-23-24	Lenahawkin
7-30-24	Strictly 60's Band
8-13-24	Joey D's Rocking Oldies
8-27-24	Sky's the Limit

Recreation Bus Trips

On July 14th the trip to Yankees vs. Orioles at Camden Yard was a great success. This will be booked again for 2025.

October 23rd – Daniel Sight and Sound show is sold out. A waiting list has been started.

Municipal Alliance. The grant has been submitted for the 2024/2025 year.

Marine Science Camp was held by New Logic. There were 20 children in attendance and everyone enjoyed the camp.

All Level Yoga with Rebecca. Classes are held on Mondays at the Community Center.

Thank you.

Mayor – Lydia M. Dodd

Thank you for joining us this evening.

June 2024 Construction/Zoning Report

Zoning Department. 33 applications approved, 6 applications pending review and 1 denial application.

Construction. 79 Construction Permits issued, 31 Permit updates, 30 Certificates of Approval, 4 Certificates of Occupancy, 1 Temporary Certificate of Occupancy, 1 Certificate of Compliance, 2 Unsafe Structures and 0 Violations issued.

Construction & Zoning Office Upgrade. The Mitchell Humphrey program, used by Construction and Zoning, now has a portal that is up and running. This is listed on the front page of the Township's website. A resident can request inspections and upload plans and updates. An applicant will be able to pay online and in the office through MunicIPAY. In the coming months some permit applications will be able to be submitted online as long as the application does not require a raised seal. This could change as the State has not set all criteria and is awaiting information from the Licensing Board. Starting July 1, 2024, the State of New Jersey is requiring inspection requests in writing and the portal is accepted as an in-writing request as per State Law. There will be forms on the counter for residents or contractors to complete for setting up an inspection.

Resolution 2024-195. Tonight, I am happy to report along with the Township Committee, the 2023 Audit is complete. There are no comments or recommendations that need to be corrected. This is the 10th year that the Audit for the Township of Ocean does not require a corrective action plan. This is a great accomplishment and I thank our Finance Officer and Business Administrator for this great accomplishment. The audit will be posted on the Township website after tonight's meeting.

Ordinance 2024-14. This ordinance is to update the sign ordinance in the codebook regarding lighted signs. The Township will be installing a permanent sign on the Fire Department Property. This will list all of the events and emergency information for the Town. The Police Chief has grant funding that will pay for the sign. Tonight is the public hearing on this ordinance.

Ordinances 2024-15, 16, 17, 18. These ordinance changes were recommended by the new Construction Official. Due to the ordinance updates and the raising of properties at this time, it is important to implement a “Grading and Drainage” ordinance. All of these ordinances are available on the Township website, as well as at the Township’s Clerk’s office at no charge.

Projects

Flex Space Warehouses are moving along and are in the rough inspection phase of the project.

Ocean Isles – 1st building of 8 units, the permit has been picked up. The next 2 buildings have been dropped off and are in review.

Thank you to all who participated in the Annual Independence Day Celebration at Corliss Park. Thank you to Adian O’Hearn for being the guest speaker and giving a great speech. Thank you to Adele Shaw and the Historical Society, United Methodist Church Pastor Dawn Corlew and their fabulous Bell Choir, Greenbriar Glee Club for their patriotic songs, Greenbriar Men’s Club for the presentation of the flags, Barnegat American Legion Post 232 for their color guard and gun salute. I would like to thank all that attended this great community event and the Waretown Volunteer Fire Department, Waretown Volunteer First Aid, Township of Ocean Police Department and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Team. Without their hard work and dedication this ceremony would not have been possible. Each year this event is attended by more and more people. It is truly a great community event to celebrate Independence Day.

Historical Society. Sunday, August 4, 2024, 2pm-4pm there will be a monthly Open House at the Little Red Schoolhouse Museum. In an outreach effort to the community, the Historical Society will be opening the museum for two hours on the first Sunday of every month. Please stop by and see all that our Little Red Schoolhouse Museum has to offer.

Summer Fridays at the Museum

Friday:	Speaker:	Topic:
July 12	Sandy Gray, emergency evacuation center volunteer	How to safely evacuate your family and pets in the event of a hurricane, flood, or forest fire.
July 19	Lynn Brotherston, waterway clean-up volunteer	How local waterways and the bayfront are cleaned and maintained by volunteers with canoes and kayaks.
July 26	Allan Cronheim, licensed Private Investigator	How to improve personal security and be aware of scams that target seniors.
August 2	German Georgiff, naturalist from Wells Mills County Park	Ocean County Ghost Towns.
August 9	Grove Conrad, Barnegat Historian	Stories from Local history.

August 16	AJ Meerwald video	The Schooner AJ Meerwald is New Jersey's official Tall Ship. She is a restored oyster dredging schooner, launched in 1928. AJ Meerwald was one of hundreds of schooners built along South Jersey's Bayshores before the decline of the shipbuilding industry.
August 23	Naturalist from Wells Mills County Park	"Roadside Ocean County," the history of items we speed past without noticing.
August 30	Carl Jablonsky, researcher of "Lighter-Than-Air" Ships	Little known information about the history of the Hindenburg and its famous crash at Lakehurst Naval Air Station.

School Taxes. Due to the School Board increasing the School Taxes at 9.9%, the Township's Tax Rate will not be certified until the end of July. This is what is holding up our tax bills. At that time, the Township Tax Department will be able to print the bills and mail them. This will give an extended payment time period. The Township will not have this information until the Township of Ocean's Tax Rate is certified. Once the Tax Rate is certified, a resolution will be completed with a new due date and grace period for the tax bills. An email and Facebook post with the dates will be sent out at that time.

Thank you for coming tonight.

Deputy Mayor LoParo discussed Resolution 2024-210 and 2024-213 are the Township's opposition to the Wind Turbines off the coast.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed one resolution came from the Ocean County Commissioners and one came from Long Beach Island Mayor Joseph Mancini asking the Township to pass the resolution.

Police Chief - Michal Rogalski

Chief Rogalski read the June 2024 Police Report. The Police Department handled 3,516 incidents for police service, 3 abandoned 911 calls, 49 alarms activated and responded to, 14 animal complaints, 1,802 individual business/residential checks, 1 act of criminal mischief, 4 acts of domestic violence, 20 verbal disputes/harassment complaints, 11 disabled vehicles, 3 drunk drivers, 103 first aid calls, 77 general complaints, 25 motor vehicle accidents, 466 motor vehicle stops which issued 77 summonses, 1 juvenile complaint, 3 incidents of mental health crisis, 22 persons were arrested on various warrants, 12 shoplifting incidents, 47 suspicious persons and/or vehicles were investigated, 5 thefts from a residence were investigated and 8 frauds. 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: May 21, 2024, June 11, 2024 and June 18, 2024 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

Resolution 2024-195 Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$677,708.12

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

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

RESOLUTION 2024-196

Resolution of the governing body Certification of the Annual audit that has been filed by a registered municipal account and municipal clerk and the governing body have received and reviewed as a minimum the annual report of Audit and specifically the “Comments and Recommendations.”

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-196 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14 2nd Reading – Public Hearing

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 299-7 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “SPECIAL ZONING RESTRICTIONS”

Motion to open Public Comment on Ordinance 2024-14 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 Ordinance 2024-14 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-14 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-15 1st Reading – Title Only

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 135 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS”

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-15 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-16 1st Reading – Title Only

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 118 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “BUILDINGS, UNSAFE AND UNFIT”

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-16 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-17 1st Reading – Title Only

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 192 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “GRADING AND DRAINAGE”

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-17 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Baulderstone.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18 1st Reading – Title Only

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO REFERENCE THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-18 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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| 2024-197 | Resolution authorizing the insertion of an items of revenue in the 2024 Budget in the sum of \$1,907.74 from FY 2023 NJ Body Armor Replacement Program |
| 2024-198 | Resolution authorizing the release of escrow money for Block 271, Lot 4 in the amount of \$1,548.50 |

- 2024-199 Resolution authorizing the refund of a Letter of No Interest – Application Fee in the amount of \$100.00 for 88 Dock Avenue
- 2024-200 Resolution authorizing the return of escrow money for 42 Beacon Drive in the amount of \$1,199.00
- 2024-201 Resolution authorizing the return of escrow money for 3 Central Avenue in the amount of \$820.50 and 719.50
- 2024-202 Resolution authorizing the return of escrow money for 16 Keelson Drive in the amount of \$1,300.00
- 2024-203 Resolution authorizing the return of escrow money for 37 Lighthouse Drive in the amount of \$1,573.00
- 2024-204 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing execution of a five-year Employment Agreement Between the Township of Ocean and the Township Electrical Subcode Official/Mechanical Inspector/Acting Construction Official, Jesse Gerard
- 2024-205 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, FINAL PAYMENT, ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND AND DISCHARGE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE FY2021 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID ROAD PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BONITA ROAD
- 2024-206 Resolution authorizing the hiring of a Full-Time Department of Public Works Full-time Laborer to Jesse J. Schimmenti starting on July 15, 2024
- 2024-207 Resolution authorizing the hiring of a Part-Time Department of Public Works laborer Kevin Hayes at the rate of \$15.91 per hour for hours worked
- 2024-208 Resolution authorizing a rate increase for Mariann Siciliano, Police Administrative Assistant
- 2024-209 A Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Execution of Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Ocean for Utilization of the Ocean County Sheriff's Enforcement Training Facility for Firearms Training and qualification by Police Department Employees of the Township of Ocean, Ocean County
- 2024-210 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Opposing the Construction of Wind Turbines off the New Jersey and Ocean County Coast
- 2024-211 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Authorizing Execution of Temporary License Agreement between the Township of Ocean 65 Penn LLC.
- 2024-212 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BOND, DISCHARGEMENT OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR FY2023 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID ROAD PROGRAM
- 2024-213 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN VIGOROUSLY OPPOSING THE INDUSTRIAL OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT
- 2024-214 Resolution authorizing T & M for professional services for the 2024 NJ Municipal Aid Program – Letts Landing in an amount not to exceed \$126,950.00
- 2024-215 Resolution authorizing T & M for professional services for the Preliminary Investigation Report for Block 131, Lots 1.01, 1.02, 3.01, 3.02, 3.03 and 3.04 in an amount not to exceed \$8,900.00
- 2024-216 Resolution authorizing the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company are authorized for sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages with social affairs permit on August 11, 2024 rain date August 18, 2024 for the Annual Poker Run
- 2024-217 Resolution of the Township of Ocean County of Ocean State of New Jersey Rejecting bids for the Dock Avenue Pump Station upgrades project

2024-218 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of new Jersey authorizing a lien be placed on Block 75, Lot 1 – 48 Bay Parkway in the amount of \$343.94

Motion to approve Resolutions 2024-197 through 2024-218

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-219

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, THE ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT EACH EXECUTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS RELATED THERETO

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-219 was moved by Deputy Mayor LoParo, seconded by Committeeman Boulderstone.

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

Motion to Approve: Trident Multisport Brookville Triathlon/Duathlon on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 8:00 am – 10:30 am. Proceeds from the race benefit the Citta Scout Reservation

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:

Todd Camburn – July 27, 2024

Megan Dillon – November 16, 2024

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

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

Motion to approve: Social Affairs permit for the Waretown Volunteer Fire Company for August 11, 2024 and rain date August 18, 2024 for their Annual Poker Run that is held at Corliss Park – Lake and Recreation Area

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

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

Next Scheduled Regular Business Meetings

August 20, 2024 – 6:00 pm
September 17, 2024 – 6:00 pm
October 15, 2024 – 6:00 pm
November 19, 2024 – 6:00 pm
December 17, 2024

***Meetings can be added or cancelled as deemed 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