

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 5, 2022
Town Hall – 7:00 PM

Mayor James called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

The Deputy Township Clerk, Karen A. Bacon read the Sunshine Notice Statement as follows:

Sunshine Notice: This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law. 1) Posting a copy of the Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and emailing a copy to the Atlantic City Press and Burlington County Times and all those requesting copies on January 6, 2022. All the above posting, filing & mailing have taken place on March 31, 2022.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor James, Deputy Mayor Seybold and Committeeman Gadd.
Professionals: Thomas Coleman, Esq.; Engineer, Kevin Dixon; Township Clerk, Lisa H. Hand, Absent, Deputy Township Clerk Karen A. Bacon and CFO Kristen Manning,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 1, 2022 – Regular Minutes

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Minutes were approved:

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

Ordinance #2022-01 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank

Mayor James opened the public hearing on the above ordinance.

Michael Garcia – Auditor – explained the ordinance to Mayor, Committee and public.

No public comments.

Mayor James closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above Ordinance was adopted.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Mayor James stated that since the Auditor is here, we will do all the items pertaining to him.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 2022-28 – Self Exam of 2022 Budget

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Resolution was approved:

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION – PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor James opened the meeting for the Public Hearing of the 2022 Municipal Budget.

There was no public comments.

Mayor James closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution # 2022-28A – Budget Amendment

Mr. Garcia explained the amendment to include Gypsy moth, master plan, tax maps and trash removal.

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Resolution was approved:

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Resolution # 2022-29 – Adopt 2022 Municipal Budget

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Resolution was approved:

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION

Ordinance #2022-02 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 35/Add Ambulance Squad

Mayor James opened the public hearing for the above ordinance.

Brian Detrick – President of the Green Bank Vol. Ambulance Squad – Thank you for supporting this ordinance.

Mayor James closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above Ordinance was adopted.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION

Ordinance # 2022-03 – Short Term Rental Property Prohibition

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above Ordinance was introduced and sent to the Planning Board for their meeting on April 6, 2022.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

CAMPGROUNDS APPROVAL

Turtle Run Campground – 3 Cedar Lane

Wading Pines Camping Resort – 85 Godfrey Bridge Rd.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to table the above:

Roll Call Vote: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold to pay the bills:

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

REPORTS

- a) **Engineer** – Plans for the parking lot will be going to the County Planning Board. A speed study on both River Road will be conducted.

Committeeman Gadd – Within 2 weeks there were 2500 enforceable speed violations.

Mayor James asked if Trooper Ciufu wanted to say anything.

Trooper Ciufu stated he would answer any question of the public.

Sarah Camillo – Thank you for coming down. Drivers are not only speeding, but crossing over the line of the road. Bus Drivers are just as bad with the speeding.

Trooper Ciufu stated that he would take our concerns back to his Lieutenant.

Mayor James thanked Trooper Ciufu for coming.

- b) **Solicitor** – Nothing to add
c) **CFO** – Nothing to add
d) **Township Clerk** – Day to Day operations and working on the Gypsy Moth process
e) **Code Enforcement** – Starting on Campground inspections.
f) **OEM** – Went over various things at the last LEPC meeting; flooding at Crowley’s Landing; responses within the Township; radio patches; markers on rivers; markers on Active 911 and the need to purchase road signs.
g) **Township Committee** –
Committeeman Gadd – **Signs** needs to be put up in advance of the storms; discussed with the Park Police on the river problems and we will be forwarding the approved parade permits to the Park Police. Ski Beach has been posted, no trespassing; Senior Center is on a holding pattern, we are still waiting on the lease from the State.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – Public Works – February/March 2022 – Several high wind events picking up limbs and removed trees that fell on Bulltown Road; CAMCO, Crescent Tire and Al & Rich’s (washed

truck); pickup of roadside trash; gravel roads in Jenkins & Wading River; fixed shoulders of road from snow plowing damage; salted road on 3/12/2022; Millings at Town Hall parking lot; cutting brush at stop signs at Old Church Road & Route 542; DeBow Lane and Lower Bank Fire House.

Gravel will be added to the Landing; Attended a Recycling & Clean Communities Meeting; As of 5/4/2022, no more plastic bags; working on the handicap ramp, having a hard time to get a contractor; took the pick-up truck for inspection.

Mayor James – Working on updating ordinances and I have an appointment with the State Police.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Please state your name & address for the record)

Mayor James opened the meeting for Public Comments.

Barbara Cavileer – River Road, L.B. – I don't understand why this short term rental is being addressed. We are not having an issue. You haven't heard the positives/negatives, it came in from left field.

Brandon McBride – River Road, L.B. – I have talked with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor regarding this ordinance. I'm concerned about it. We purchased our property 10 years ago, it was in bad shape. I have renovated this house myself. We are proud of this home. We are not there full-time at this time and we do rent it out occasionally. We only have positive reviews, we get a large security deposit and we contact our neighbors for noise. I'm sure you have a noise ordinance, please fine me if needed. Why is this being proposed? I'm willing to work with you on this. This ordinance is the same as Medford Lakes, but we don't have the issues as Medford Lakes. This is not a problem at this time. I can't come tomorrow night, so I would like to send something to the Planning Board.

Sue Dunphey – River Road, G.B. – I agree with Brandon. They have done a wonderful job renovating. You are taking away the rights of the property owners. I'm opposed of this ordinance.

I'm happy that you are talking with the State Police with regards to the noise on the river. I wrote to the State Police and asked them to address this issue.

Mayor James – We will have to look into the noise ordinance.

Solicitor Coleman – The DEP took is issue (noise) away from the municipality; you need an enforcement.

Sue Dunphey – We have had meetings at the ambulance building about these issues.

Committeeman Gadd – Enforcement at Crowley's Landing was discussed at our meeting and hopefully they can do something. We are also exploring every option that we can.

Jean Bridel – Route 542 – Seems like the Marine Police is trying to get a boat in the area.

Committeeman Gadd – First time we heard about this.

Jean Bridel – I don't know if what Mike says is practical.

Committeeman Gadd – You can send me the minutes and maybe I can address this issue.

Jean Bridel – We don't want a bridge situation like we had last year. Kim Isle has been attending the Atlantic County meetings and she has said that the bridge will remain open if it breaks.

Mayor James – We will attend the next meeting of Atlantic County Commissioners.

David Simpson – OEM – They can't leave it open, the Coast Guard will get involved.

Sarah Camillo – River Road, L.B. – We need to think about this because all the traffic will come through Lower Bank. I asked last month with regards to the trash at the base of the Lower Bank Bridge. The trash was removed the last time but its full again.

Mayor James – The property is privately owned.

Michael O'Hagan – Code Enforcement – I saw that that trash was overflowing, I'll look into this.

Sarah Camillo – The data that you are collecting; what is your goal? Can we lower the speed limit?

Committeeman Gadd – The County will have to do this. I'll look at the speed limit signs on Old Church Road.

Solicitor Coleman – Unfortunately we just can't lower the speed limit.

Barry Cavileer – River Road, L.B. – Regarding the property on River Road, there is no problem there. The short term residents are very nice.

Pete DiPasquale – Route 542 – Major changes are coming with the expansion of the marina. We got backed doored by this. Pine Barrens Alliance is going to look into this. DEP doesn't answer our comments, they forward them to the applicant. I'm not happy with this.

Gail Cavileer – River Road, L.B. – I'm against the rental ordinance. I don't hear them and they are friendly, there is no problem.

Horace Somes – Turtle Creek Road – Thank you Leigh and David on the flooding. We have had many flooding issues in the past years. There is a breakdown in communications with the County.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to adjourn at 9:45 PM.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Bacon, Deputy Township Clerk