

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Town Hall – 7:00 PM

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

The Township Clerk, Lisa H. Hand 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 3, 2023. All the above posting, filing & mailing have taken place on March 1, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 7, 2023 – Regular Minutes
February 28, 2023 – Budget Workshop 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

DISCUSSION – COMCAST TV RENEWAL

Mayor James opened the meeting for discussion of the Renewal of Comcast.

Solicitor Coleman – Good Evening; this discussion is to address the renewal of the Township renewal application.. It has been noticed in the Press and copies of the application has been made available to the public through the Clerk’s Office. Is there anyone from Comcast? (There was no representative from Comcast.)

We will have an ordinance at the next meeting to introduce the approval for renewal of the Comcast application.

No other comments, the Public Comments were closed.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #2023-22 – Award Contract for Lead-Based Paint Inspections

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 #2023-28 – Amending Resolution #2019-23 -Appointment of Tax Collector

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

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

TRAILER MOBILE HOME RENEWAL

John Rescigno – 2208 River Road – Recreational Only

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd the above Trailer Mobile Home Renewal was approved:

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

PARADE PERMIT

Curly Fern Enduro – March 19, 2023 -#2023-02

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

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

Sandy Lane Enduro – March 26, 2023 -#2023-03

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

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Mayor James – Before we go into our Reports, we have a few members of the School Board present. There was a problem with notification of the discussion of the School Budget.

Karen Gfroehrer – We are going to be \$900,000 short for this year’s budget. This is due to increase of transportation and schooling for special needs children; plus State Aide has been cut.

Mayor James – When we closed the school, there was a surplus; where is the money?

Karen Gfroehrer – We have used it over the last few years due to transportation and schooling increases. We are looking at a big tax increase of about \$207 per \$100,000. I have been in contact with the County and they are saying to take out a loan, but this certainly won’t help. Everything that we are doing is State mandated and it’s not funded.

REPORTS

- a) **Engineer** – I have no report
- b) **Solicitor** – Nothing to add
- c) **CFO** – Day to day operations and the 2023 budget will be introduced at the next meeting.

- d) **Township Clerk** – Day to Day operations
- e) **Code Enforcement** – As per Committeeman Gadd – trailer inspections and getting into the inspection of the campgrounds.
- f) **OEM** – As per Committeeman Gadd – Training with the County this week
- g) **Township Committee** –
Committeeman Gadd – Will be having a meeting with the State Police & DEP regarding the landing zone; the State is not responding to my email regarding the Senior Center; the safety lighting was installed on the truck.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – Public Works – Jan-Feb 2023 – Gravel Smith Lane; Bell Lane & Lance Run Road; Gravel Cedar lane & Ridge Road; Make & Install counter balance for rear of Kubota Loader; CAMCO for salt spreader repair; pressure washed 2014 truck; Loaded up salt & gravel & graded Maintenance yard; several high wind events – checking of roads; snow 2/1/2023 salt roads were needed; picked up roadside trash. – Met with two different heating contractors with regards to the replacement of the boiler, which was installed in 1998 and not effective. I've contacted someone to repair the desks in the meeting room and Tax Collector's office; the shed outback needs a new roof; Ralph Broome wants to set up computers at the Senor Center when we are reading.

Mayor James – The County is here every third Thursday for training also.

Mayor James – Working on ordinances; working on the School Board budget; the proposed cell tower is still in the works.

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

Mayor James opened the meeting for Public Comments.

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. Hand, Township Clerk