

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 1, 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 July 27, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
July 11, 2023 – 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 – SECOND READING – PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance #2023-06 – Adding Chapter 398 – Privately-Owned Salt Storage

Mayor James opened the public hearing.

Mike Peranteau – Charles Avenue – What is this ordinance?

Mayor James – This ordinance is state mandated for salt storage on private property.

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 - TABLED

Ordinance #2023-07 – Amending Chapter 196 – Trees and Shrubs

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 2023-52 – Accepting Audit

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

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

Resolution # 2023-53 – Appointment and Salary of Deputy OEM

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 # 2023-54 – Supporting the NJ Forest Fire Service & Fuels Mitigation Projects using Prescribed Fire and other Treatments

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

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

JUNK YARD RENEWAL

Recycle Logistics South, 1530 Route 542

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Junk Yard Renewal was approved:

Roll Call: 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** – Old Church Road will be paved soon; we are able to seek bids for the parking lot; working on zoning permit application and the stormwater grant application
- b) **Solicitor** – Nothing to add
- c) **Township Clerk** – Day to Day operations
- d) **Code Enforcement – Committeeman Gadd** – Township Landing issues; junkyard inspection and working with the issues at Wading Pines Campground.
- e) **OEM** – Committeeman Gadd – working on the Forest Fire Resolution; attended training (Mayor James shared an email to Ebb Alexander and asked that she get in touch with David Simpson)
- f) **Township Committee** –
Committeeman Gadd – The grant money for the Fire Companies and Ambulance is ready to go, checks will be mailed. Burlington County Sheriffs are working in the Township and we have

received mostly positive feedback. Still going back and forth with the State regarding the Senior Center.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – Public Works-June & July – Picked up road side trash; cutting grass – Wading River, Lower Bank, Bulltown Road & Maintenance yard.; gravel Patten Lane, Pine Street & Washington-Maxwell Road; cutting road side limbs – Lovers Lane, Island Road; Cavileer Lane, Bells Lane, Old Church Road & Turtle Creek Road; a couple storm events, checking roads.

I'm keeping a eye on the Township Dumpster. Kevin Dixon, will you look at Route 652 in Lower Bank, the road is pretty bad. I know that the section is in Atlantic County, but our residents use it primarily.

Kevin Dixon – They had a turnover in the department; I'll get in touch with them.

Mayor James – I've heard positive things with the Sheriff's patrol. Thank you, Leigh for all your work on this. We looking into a new heating system. I'd like to look into a grant for the Spotted Lantern Flies. Working on ordinances.

Karen Bacon – I'll look into that.

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

Mayor James opened the meeting for Public Comments.

Mike Peranteau – Charles Avenue – With regards to the cell tower, is there anyway we could move it to maybe the dump?

Mayor James – Your concerns should be addressed to the Planning Board tomorrow night.

Mike Peranteau – There are branches on Charles Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – I'll look into this.

Barbara Cavileer – River Road, Lower Bank – Can you please explain the tree ordinance?

Solicitor Coleman explained the ordinance.

Barbara Cavileer – Can we see a copy of the ordinance?

Mayor James – This ordinance was tabled and we are working on it.

Barbara Cavileer – What are the duties of the Sheriff's Department?

Committeeman Gadd – They are here to do traffic issues only.

Barbara Cavileer – There was a motor vehicle accident on Route 542 at the blind curve (in front of Belhaven), could we get a sign to make drivers aware of the situation?

Kevin Dixon explained what needed to be done.

Mike Peranteau – How long do you have with the Tree ordinance?

Solicitor Coleman – We have a little bit of time to adopt.

Horace Some – Turtle Creek Road – The resolution on the Forest Fire Service is very much needed.

Mayor James closed the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to adjourn at 7:33 PM.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. Hand, Township Clerk