TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, May 2, 2023 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 3, 2023. All the above posting, filing & mailing have taken place on April 27, 2023.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor James, Deputy Mayor Seybold and Committeeman Gadd.

Professionals: Thomas Coleman, Esq.; Engineer, Kevin Dixon; Township Clerk, Lisa H. Hand, Deputy

Township Clerk Karen A. Bacon and Kristen Manning, CFO,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 4, 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 #2023-01 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank

Auditor Michael Garcia explained the ordinance.

Mayor James asked for any public comments.

No public comments.

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 #2023-02 - Ordinance Amending Ordinance # 2022-07 - Lead Paint Inspection Fees

Solicitor Coleman explained the ordinance.

Mayor James asked for any public comments.

No public comments.

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

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

ORDINANCE - INTRODUCTION

Ordinance #2023-03 – Ordinance Approving the Comcast Renewal - TABLED

Solicitor Coleman asked that this ordinance be tabled until the next meeting.

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

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

2023 ADOPTION OF BUDGET & PUBLIC HEARING

Auditor Garcia explained the 2023 Municipal Budget.

Mayor James opened the meeting for comments from the public.\

No public comments.

Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 2023-33 – Authorizing Adoption of the 2023 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 # 2023-34 – Approval of Raffle License – Vincentown Fire Co. #1 – 7/15/2023

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 # 2023-35 – Authorizing Proposal for Preparation & Bid Process for Solid Waste Collection

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 # 2023-36 – Requesting Patrol from the Burlington county Sheriff's Office – Traffic Safety Unit

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

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

PARADE PERMITS

Stockton University – Legacy Bike Ride - 6/3/2023 - #2023-04

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd approved the above permit.

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

REPORTS

Mayor James introduced Trooper Ciufo, Badge #8569.

a) **Engineer** – Working on the Parking Lot bid and we are hopeful to award soon. Met with Arawak regarding Old Church Road. There was a guard rail issue, but after discussions, we don't have to do the update.

Mayor James – What is the start date?

Engineer Dixon – Early June.

- b) **Solicitor** Working with Kevin on the parking lot bid; working with the Mayor on the agreement with Comcast and working with Leigh regarding the lease for the Senior Center.
- c) **Township Clerk** Day to Day operations; Financial Disclosures and Tonnage Grant.
- d) **Code Enforcement** Working on inspections of campgrounds; trash issue on bridge as well as camp site issues.
- e) **OEM** River Road Fire was 257 acres and according to Horace this area had never had a fire. It was a lighting strike that started it. I want to thank everyone for their help. Everything worked well and Lower Bank Tavern shut down so we could use it for staging area. We worked 5 days to put it out until the rain came. I spoke with NJSP regarding the traffic barrels. The County fueled lthe trucks. We do have a May 15th for the shut down for repair of Godfreys Bridge.

Mayor James – Does anyone know about the Bass River Bridge?

CEM Simpson – They were paving the approaches, but I don't know.

Horace Somes – The bridges were open this afternoon.

f) Township Committee –

Committeeman Gadd – I met with the Fire Companies, Ambulance Squad and OEM with regards to grant money that may be available. Thanked everyone with regards to the fire on River Road, we had over 50 fire companies. Looking for a Deputy OEM to help Dave.

OEM Simpson – I have had 2 people who may be interested.

Committeeman Gadd – Kevin touched on the parking lot; we got the lease for the Senior Center and going to work on a few issues with Tom and the State. With regards to the Landing Zone on State Property and drafting on fires, there is issues from the State and that is on hold.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – Public Works Report – March - April 2023 – Gravel Smith Lane; Lance Run Road & Bells Lane; Cleaned Truck; Storm on 4/7/2023 – Checked roads; cutting limbs on Cavileer Lane; Several weather watch 4/1 & 2/2023 – removed dead pine tree on Turtle Creek Road; Gravel Ridge Road & Cedar Lane; Painted over graffiti on Turtle Creek Road; Picked up trash at Township Landing.

David Simpson purchased 10 gallons of the driveway tar for the issue on Turtle Creek Road. I have contacted with 3 different Heating Contractors and waiting for quotes. Will be working with Waterways to stream line the water system in the building. The Burlington County Library is willing to set up computers at our Senior Center when completed.

Mayor James – Everything worked very well with regards to the fire. We even had residents give there access to WIFI to the Firemen, so they would contact their families. Worked on ordinances –rental, asbestos and lead paint; working with Comcast contract for all residents, if possible. Spoke with Lt. Steet on a few matters.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> (Please state your name & address for the record)

Mayor James opened the meeting for Public Comments.

Jeanette DePiero – River Road, Green Bank – Thank you everyone for helping with the fire. Thank you for moving the Senior Center along.

Barbara Cavileer – River Road, Lower Bank – What is this Raffle License?

Mayor James – This raffle will be held at a campground within our Township.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – It is a 50/50.

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