TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, September 5, 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 August 31, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

Professionals: Tom Coleman, Esq.; Engineer, Kevin Dixon, arrived late; Township Clerk, Lisa H. Hand, Deputy Township Clerk Karen A. Bacon,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 1, 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 – INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

Ordinance #2023-08 – Amending Campgrounds – Off Season Visitation, Occupancy of Camping Units & Use of Camper Person Property

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 2023-55 – Letter of Intent to Participate in the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

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 # 2023-56 - Award Trash Contract

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 # 2023-57 - Chapter 159 - Stormwater Grant

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

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

CAMPGROUNDS

EFRV, LLC dba/Wading Pines Camping Resort – 85 Godfrey Bridge Road

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold the above Campground 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

REPORTS

- a) **Engineer** Arrived later
- b) **Solicitor** Nothing to add
- c) **Township Clerk** Day to Day operations; Burlington County Tech Help will not be here on September and October; Bookmobile here on 9/12/2023; Helped various resident with their questions. County will be spraying for Mosquito on 9/7/2023.
- d) Code Enforcement -. Day to Day operations
- e) **OEM** Will be attending a County meeting next week with regards to traffic control during a fire.
- f) Township Committee –

Committeeman Gadd – Status Quo – Sheriff's Office is out there patrolling. I think it's a positive effect. I've been going back and forth with the DEP regarding the Senior Center lease. September 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM is the School Board Meeting and I encourage everyone to attend.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – Public Works-July-August – Couple Heavy Rain Events, Checking Road; marked trees to cut & checking on Road for brush & limb cutting; cutting grass at Maintenance Yard; made a couple of trips to Clegg's Garage in EHT; gravel Smith Lane; went to John Deere for quotes

on mover repair; finished cutting grass on Bulltown Road; picked up roadside trash & graveled Cedar Lane.

Meet with Ron Hill with regards to a sign on Bulltown Road for sharp turn/Hidden Driveway. Instructed Larry to pick-up limbs on Charles Avenue; the Recycling Container at the Municipal Yard is only for recycling; I'll keep an eye on it.

Engineer Dixon – Talking to a possible bidder on the boiler issue; talked with Atlantic County with regards to paving; they are going to pave Green Bank Road this spring and Lower Bank Road in 2025.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – They filled the major holes.

Engineer Dixon – Waiting for Arawak to pave Old Church Road.

Mayor James – What about the parking lot?

Engineer Dixon – We can go back out to bid and we will be doing that.

Committeeman Gadd – What is the time frame?

Engineer Dixon – Hopefully by next meeting.

Mayor James introduced Trooper Friel.

Mayor James – Working on the rental ordinance; School Board Meeting is 9/18/2023 at 6 PM, its in your best interest to attend.

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

Mayor James opened the meeting for Public Comments.

Barbara Cavileer, River Road, Lower Bank – Kevin, any feedback on Route 542.

Engineer Dixon – Nothing.

Barbara Cavileer – Residents are not putting their house numbers on their property and emergency services cannot find the house. Also trees should be trimmed as the rig can't get down the driveway. I did get noticed of the mosquito spraying; is the emergency services entitle to one free outlet through Comcast?

Mayor James – This is for the landline.

Barbara Cavileer – Could we see if we can get a free outlet. What is the background of the campground ordinance?

Mayor James – I'll give you a copy.

Barbara Cavileer – The Park Police should be recognized for their help with an accident near Batsto. The Green Bank Bridge is being opened continuously and we can't get across.

David Simpson – They are allowed to do this. Atlantic County will have to go to the Coast Guard to have this changed.

Horace Somes – Turtle Creek Road – Access Fire Management and the Code Enforcement Officer would address the driveways, the fire trucks are big and this needs to be address. Glad you are looking into the tree Management. The phone and electric lines are being effected by the trees.

David Simpson, River Road, Lower Bank - I have seen a difference with the patrol of the Sheriff's Office, but why do we have to pay?

Committeeman Gadd - They don't patrol and they have no money; they are working on a grant.

David Simpson – Are they going to give you stats?

Committeeman Gadd – Yes.

David Simpson – What I've read about the tree ordinance, farmers are exempt. Are you going to charge for this and do I have to get the permit or the contractor?

Solicitor Coleman – The Committee is talking about this.

Barry Cavileer, River Road, Lower Bank – I'm getting a bill that was to have been paid for by grant money.

Mayor James – The check is being sent tonight.

Committeeman Gadd – We are paying them directly.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – The new Lower Bank Fire Truck is out front, if anyone would like to see it.

Mayor James closed the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. Hand, Township Clerk