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A combined Caucus/Public meeting of the Township Council was held in the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Councilwoman Andrea Zapcic
Councilman Arthur Halloran
Councilwoman Heather deJong
Councilwoman Lisa Crate
Councilman Jim Fozman
Council Vice President Marianna Pontoriero
Council President Paul Mummolo

Also Present

Mayor John G. Ducey
Kevin Starkey, Township Attorney
Lynnette A. Iannarone, Township Clerk
Joanne Bergin, Business Administrator

Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in Asbury Park Press on January 8, 2016. Copies of the agenda were provided to the newspapers, posted on public bulletin boards and the township website (www.bricktownship.net).

This meeting began with the salute to the flag led by Girl Scout Troop #781 and Boy Scout Troop #33 followed by a moment of silence.

The Clerk was directed to accept and file the Building & Construction, Certificate of Occupancy, Engineering, Sewer & Water and Vital Statistics Reports for the month of October 2016.

Motion by Councilman Fozman and seconded by Councilman Halloran to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 18th and November 1, 2016 meetings and approve the same.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:
Vice President Pontoriero ABSTAINED on November 1, 2016.

Police Swearing In

Chief Riccio said the Brick Township Police Department takes pride in only selecting the best. He said society is facing one of the worst drug epidemics in history. Heroin is killing people every day and our town has not been spared. He explained to help combat the issue they are adding an officer to the Drug enforcement unit. He stated the drug unit detectives are aggressively enforcing and arresting violators and dealers. He said that enforcement alone is not the answer. He explained that is why they will be adding an officer to the Community policing unit. He said this officer's sole purpose will be to step up their efforts to educate children and the adult community in the dangers of opioid use. He will also be helping to mentor children who are most vulnerable. He said that in the very near future they will be starting a program which will have officers assisting opioid addicted individuals in getting the treatment that they need to combat addiction. He said the officer will also be responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Neighborhood watch program. He stated without the help of the community a police department cannot be successful in addressing issues and combating crime. He added the addition of these officers will also help us to keep programs such as the newly formed bike unit fully staffed and expand it to other areas of town. This program has been successful in changing the atmosphere and improving the quality of life in an area where this targeted enforcement was necessary and long over do. He thanked Mayor Ducey, Township Council and the Business Administrator for their continued support. Chief Riccio gave a brief history on each officer and then each was sworn in by Mayor Ducey.

- Matthew Firreno – Badge #283
- Anthony Barlowski, Jr – Badge #284
- Christopher Newlund, Jr – Badge #285
- Cody Oliveria – Badge #286
- Glen Pacyna, Jr – Badge #287

Students of the Month

Mayor Ducey, President Mummolo along with Councilwoman Crate recognized the Students of the Month for October. Councilwoman Crate named the Brick Township High School Students of the Month and presented certificates to: Stephen Pasch, Lauren Johnson, Harmony Stark and Dean Helstowski. She also named and presented certificates to Brick Memorial High School Students of the Month: Nicole Scott, Justin Czajkowski, John Dipetrillo, Amanda Maselli, Hannah Fune, Andrew Sosidka, Shane Purcell and Caitlyn Dunn.

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Motion by Vice President Pontoriero and seconded by Councilwoman deJong to adopt the following Resolutions:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Authorize Budget Appropriation Transfers.

President Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes budget appropriation transfers as needed based on cost projections through year end. He stated none of these transfers increases the overall municipal budget in any way. He said end-of-year transfers are a common practice for all municipalities, especially those as big as Brick Township. He noted of the \$104 million budget, the \$428,000.00 in transfers represents .4 percent of our total budget.

Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – State Body Armor Replacement Fund Program

President Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the inclusion of an \$11,246.61 grant from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for the State Body Armor Replacement Fund Program Grant for 2016 which is used to offset the cost of body armor for our police officers.

Authorize Acceptance of Emergency Management Performance Grant

President Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the insertion of \$9,400 into the budget from a grant by the Ocean County Sheriff FY16 - Emergency Management Agency Assistance Grant which is used to offset the salary of our Emergency Management Coordinator.

Joanne Bergin pointed out the amount of this grant has gone up in the past three years and last year they received \$7,000 and the year before was \$5,000 and while this is typically a stagnant amount of \$5,000 the funding agency for two years in a row now has made an exception to give us additional funds based on the level of work our OEM Manager, Joseph Pawlowicz, has done.

Authorize Award of Proposal – Fair & Open Process – Property & Casualty Insurance Coverage & Services Program

Mayor Ducey explained this resolution authorizes the award for Property and Casualty Insurance Coverage and Services to Conner Strong & Buckelew Companies of Toms River. He said this is a three-year contract pending re-approval each year. He said Conner Strong & Buckelew has been serving as our Joint Insurance Fund for many years and the Township has been very happy with the services provided. He advised there is no broker or middleman involved, the agency works directly with Township staff including our Business Administrator, HR Director and Risk Management Officer to develop and implement programs to increase safety and reduce liability and claims. He said for example, in the 2016 budget, thanks to the hard work by our Safety Officer in conjunction with the JIF, they were able to reduce our liability premiums and worker's compensation costs by \$127,500 and \$104,400 respectively. He said it was the first time the Township went out for bid for this it was just a renewal and noted they only received one proposal. He advised the contract amount of \$1,891,944 represents a savings from the past two years.

Authorize Award of Contract – Ten 8 Cubic Yard Front Load Containers and Five 40 Cubic Yard Roll Off Containers through NJPA National Cooperative

Councilman Fozman said this resolution authorizes the award of contract to Wastequip, LLC, Statesville, NC in the amount of \$37,215 for the purchase and delivery of ten 8 cubic yard front load containers and five 40 cubic yard roll off containers

Authorize Special Events Permit – Harbor Freight Tent Sale

President Mummolo stated this resolution approves a special event permit for a Tent Sale at Harbor Freight Tools between the hours of 8 am and 9 pm on November 25 – 27 at the store on Hooper Avenue.

Authorize Placement of Tax Liens for Property Clean-ups

President Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes tax liens for property cleanups at 31 Lagoon Drive East in the amount of \$453.77; 30 Halsey Drive in the amount of \$567.21; and 186 Drum Point Road in the amount of \$954.74.

Support S-1674 and A-3817 Bill That Would Offer South Jersey Dedicated Seats on Turnpike Authority

Mayor Ducey explained as everyone knows there has been an ongoing problem with the Turnpike Authority at Evergreen Woods. He said the residents have been asking for a wall for their protection and the Township has been trying to help assist them with their efforts. He said he is in full support of the referenced "Bills". He explained this resolution supports New Jersey

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Senate Bill S-1674 and its accompanying Assembly Bill A-3817 that provides South Jersey with a guaranteed seat on the New Jersey Turnpike Authority by requiring that at least one of the 7 members of the agency that oversees the Garden State Parkway be from Ocean, Atlantic or Cape May Counties.

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

- Inspection Fund Release – Robert Dahl – Community Drive in the amount of \$145.80.
- Performance Bond Release – 545 Brick Blvd., LLC – Brick Boulevard in the amount \$563,820.94 and a cash performance bond in the amount of \$62,646.78.

Authorize Waiver of Noise Ordinance – Ocean County Milling & Paving Project

President Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the waiver of a noise ordinance for Earle Companies for milling & paving on two roads – Cedar Bridge Avenue from Route 70 to Old Hooper and Burnt Tavern Road from Van Zile to Route 70. He advised the hours of work will be between 8 pm to 6 am beginning Thursday night November 17th with Cedar Bridge Avenue.

President Mummolo opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Councilwoman deJong questioned the cost savings on the Property Casualty Insurance resolution.

Mayor Ducey responded it was \$2.1M and now it is down to \$1.8M.

Steven Brill, 806 Jenny Court, thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the Senate and Assembly Bill resolution.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, questioned the length of time for the noise waiver resolution

President Mummolo advised three nights for Cedar Bridge Avenue and possibly five nights at Burnt Tavern Road.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Mummolo closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

President Mummolo opened the public hearing on the Computer Bill Resolution

Councilwoman deJong questioned the charges for electrical work done by Antonio Santos Company.

Joanne Bergin gave an explanation to Antonio Santos electrical bills and noted he is no longer a contractor with the Township he has been hired as a full time employee and there will be a significant savings in the electrical costs to the Township.

There were no comments from the audience.

President Mummolo closed the public hearing on the Computer Bill Resolution.

Motion by Councilwoman Zapcic and seconded by Councilman Halloran to adopt the following Resolution:

- All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:
- Councilwoman Zapcic ABSTAINED on NJ Press Media;
- Councilman Fozman ABSTAINED on BTMUA

2016 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,177,995.46

President Mummolo opened the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution.

There were no comments from the audience.

President Mummolo closed the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution.

Motion by Vice President Pontoriero and seconded by Councilwoman deJong to adopt the following Resolution:

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All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

2016 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,573,775.11

Ordinances on First Reading: Amend Chapter 145 - Construction Codes Fees

Clerk Iannarone read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

President Mummolo explained the State of New Jersey now requires municipalities to utilize a mechanical inspector relating to the plan review and installation or replacement of heating or cooling equipment, or water heaters, or other mechanical equipment, such as refrigeration, air conditioning or ventilating apparatus, gas piping or heating systems, or stand-by power generators. He said in the past, the use of a mechanical inspector in a municipality was optional. He said if municipalities chose to utilize a mechanical inspector, the fee schedule of the municipality reflects a specific fee for the installation or replacement of the equipment. The requirement is now mandatory, therefore a change to the fee schedule is now required.

He advised the revenue generated by the new fee will be less than what they presently generate. He said presently 75 percent of the fire subcode fee for this type of permit is paid to the Bureau of Fire Safety based on a shared service agreement for fire inspection services. He advised no fire inspection will now be required for this type of work. He said in addition a building inspection will also not be required. He noted the lower workload should offset the decrease in revenue created by this regulation. He added the Council does not want to repeatedly make changes to the fee ordinance and asked all divisions in Land Use to review their fee schedule and propose any necessary changes.

Motion by Vice President Pontoriero and seconded by Councilman Halloran to adopt the following Ordinance on First Reading and said Ordinance be published as provided by law:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER §145-1 THROUGH §145-3.1 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE CAPTIONED "CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM"

Ordinances on First Reading: Amend Chapter 191 – Fire Prevention Fees

Clerk Iannarone read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

President Mummolo explained Fire Prevention requested a modified fee schedule that reflects a \$5 to \$15 increase per square footage in 15 categories and between \$15 and \$50 increases on site or subdivision plans in 5 categories. He said a \$10 increase was also proposed for inspection and issuance for certificate of smoke detector and other required alarm compliance for residential on scheduled and non-scheduled days. He said the standby fee is new for outside events but does not include township or school board functions. He advised this fee is intended for outside agencies that have events and added the Fire Department is trying to mirror what PD and EMS does for special events.

Motion by Councilman Halloran and seconded by Councilwoman deJong to adopt the following Ordinance on First Reading and said Ordinance be published as provided by law:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER §191 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE CAPTIONED "FIRE PREVENTION"

Ordinances on First Reading: Amend Chapter 250 – Engineering and Zoning Fees

Clerk Iannarone read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

President Mummolo explained Engineering requested a change and instituted a \$50.00 reinspection fee. He said this would encourage contractors to call for inspections when they're ready as opposed to scheduling multiple inspections even when they are not ready. He said Zoning proposed a change from \$30 to \$50 for an accessory use/structure zoning permit application fee and from \$50 to \$75 for a principal use/structure/addition fee.

Motion by Vice President Pontoriero and seconded by Councilman Halloran to adopt the following Ordinance on First Reading and said Ordinance be published as provided by law:

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All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK, COUNTY OF OCEAN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER §250-29 OF THE
TOWNSHIP CODE CAPTIONED "FEES"**

President Mummolo opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, read his letter regarding the parkway construction project.

Steve Brill, 806 Jenny Court, spoke about the highway sound barrier that is commercially available and entirely feasible.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Mummolo closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey announced they are looking for nominations for the "Hero Awards" and urged the residents to do so as soon as possible and noted the Hero Awards will be held on January 20th and gave the information on how to nominate someone. He thanked Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts Troop for their visit today. He spoke about his "shadow" John McFadden who followed him on November 10th. He announced they are looking for volunteers for various boards and committees and if interested to send a letter of interest/and or a resume to mayor@twp.brick.nj.us. He announced the upcoming Senior Services events. He congratulated the new police officers.

Councilwoman Zapcic acknowledged the boy scouts for staying for the whole council meeting. She congratulated the students of the month and the new police officers. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Halloran congratulated the students of the month and thanked the girl scouts and boy scouts for leading the pledge of allegiance. He congratulated the new police officers. He mentioned a Brick resident Tom Kaczmarek was just inducted into the 2016 NJ Boxing Hall of Fame and also was named Man of the Year. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman deJong congratulated the students of the month and the new police officer who keep us safe. She reiterated the Mayor's announcement of the various boards and committee openings. She announced the 60th Anniversary of Chamber of Commerce Event on December 8th and noted they are honoring their Executive Director, Michele Eventoff, who will be retiring.

Councilwoman Crate welcomed and congratulated the new police officers and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Fozman congratulated the new police officers, students of the month and thanked the girl scouts and boy scouts. He wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving. He reminded residents not to put plastic bags in the recycling cans.

Vice President Pontoriero congratulated the new police officers and thanked the girl scouts and boy scouts for leading the pledge of allegiance and congratulated the students of the month. She spoke of the beautiful Veteran's Day Ceremony that was held at Town Hall. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

President Mummolo thanked the girl scouts and boy scouts for leading the pledge of allegiance. He congratulated the new police officers and students of the month. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Motion by Councilwoman deJong and seconded by Councilman Halloran to Adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Paul Mummolo
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk