

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

#### 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 13, 2017. Copies of the agenda were provided to the newspapers, posted on public bulletin boards and the township website ([www.bricktownship.net](http://www.bricktownship.net)).

This meeting began with the salute to the flag led by Junior Girl Scout Troop #1216 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 January 2017.

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pontoriero to dispense with the reading of the minutes of January 10<sup>th</sup> and January 24, 2017 meetings and approve the same.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

#### **Students of the Month**

Mayor Ducey, President Halloran along with Councilwoman Crate recognized the Students of the Month for January 2017. Councilwoman Crate named the Brick Township High School Students of the Month and presented certificates to: Awry Mujica, Kara Schaefer, Kaitlyn Thieme and Matthew Stadelberger. She also named and presented certificates to Brick Memorial High School Students of the Month: Gavin Young, Kayle Martin, Sarah Sywanycz, Mason Mack, Jakob Sparandera, Mary Allen, Shirley Liu and David Richards.

#### **Mayor's Budget Presentation**

Mayor Ducey said this is his fourth budget as Mayor of Brick Township and said that he pledged when he became Mayor to restore fiscal responsibility and strength to Brick Township. He said in his first year he implemented a 100 day plan in order to help accomplish those goals and a playbook which would have the hopeful result of stabilizing taxes. He said he is proud that they have succeeded in doing just that. He said that the proposed budget totals \$100,337,745. It is \$4,451,617 lower than the 2016 budget and over the past four years there has been an increase in municipal spending but that increase has only been a total of 1.9 percent over the last four years. He said that in the four years prior to this administration, the budget grew 28 percent, and in the four year period before that, it grew 19 percent. In fact, between 1990 and 2013, the average four year spending growth was 21.8 percent. He noted in his four years it has been 1.9 percent. He said they stabilized spending at a historic rate while maintaining the services that the people of Brick Township deserve. They have the most police officers in the history of Brick Township; they brought in house an entire inspection department, and have increased the public works department and reinstated the entire Brick Municipal Anti-Drug Committee. He said that the impact of this commitment to fiscal responsibility will be a decrease on the municipal tax rate. He said not a zero increase in taxes but an actual decrease in taxes. The taxes will be decreasing for the first time in the last 30 years. They will be decreasing 0.5 cents. He advised this is for the portion of the tax bill that the Council and he has control over. Not included are the school board, the county, the library and the fire district. He said that another priority as Mayor is to reduce the town's debt, the out of control spending and costly projects that caused the debt to balloon from \$82 million in 2004 to \$168 million by the end of 2013, an increase of 100 percent in nine years. As part of the 100 day plan they wanted to reduce the Township's net debt by \$6 million or \$1.5 million a year. He said they started with \$168 million in debt that they

inherited and thanks to their debt reduction plan, the town's net as of January 1<sup>st</sup> is \$151 million and by the end of this year it will be \$18,293,000.00 lower than it was when he took office. While reducing the debt they still have redone Herbertsville Park, Lake Riviera Park and Angela Hibbard Park, paved almost \$10 million worth of roads and kept the police fleet and DPW fleets and tools up to date. He stated he is proud of the work they have done together. He said that this budget is the product of hard work over the past three years and going into the fourth year by the Council, the administration and the municipal staff working towards a common goal. A common goal of making Brick Better, better services, better experiences a better town. He thanked everyone for their commitment to this goal. He said together, they have slowed spending, stabilized the tax rate, reduced the township debt, rebuilt the township's surplus and made the financial health of the township stronger than it has been in many years. He said he looks forward to hearing the Council's thoughts and suggestions on this budget and to formally introducing it in March.

President Halloran thanked the Mayor and remarked this is great news and tremendous progress in approving the fiscal situation in the Township and they appreciate all the hard work that has gone into it.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

#### **Recognize Patrolman Kristopher DeMarco Officer of the Year Award Recipient**

President Halloran stated it is his honor to recognize Patrolman Joseph Rossi as the recipient of the Kristopher DeMarco Officer of the Year Award. He said Officer Rossi has been with the Brick Township Police Department since 2007 and is an active member of the Special Emergency Response Team, Motor Unit, Honor Guard, Marine Unit and Bicycle Unit. He is highly respected by Mayor Ducey, the Township Council, his coworkers and supervisors and is a dedicated member of the Police Department.

#### **Recognize Lt. Thomas McNelis Award Recipient**

President Halloran stated it is his honor to recognize Sgt. Erik Olsen as the recipient of the Lt. Thomas McNelis Award. He said Sgt. Olsen has been an Officer with the Brick Township Police Department since 2000 and he is currently the Supervisor of the Special Emergency Response Team and is the direct supervisor for the Selective Enforcement Team. He is highly respected by Mayor Ducey, the Township Council, his coworkers and supervisors and is a dedicated member of the Police Department.

#### **Authorize Cancellation of Stale Dated Checks**

President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes the reconciliation of the Municipal Court's Bail Account and General Account and to cancel outstanding checks that are considered stale dated in the amount of \$301.00 in the Bail Account and \$175.10 in the General Account.

#### **Authorize Receipt of Bids – Ice Skating Lessons**

Vice President Zapcic explained this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for ice skating lessons that would be offered by the Recreation Department. She said this program was very popular many years ago and came up again as a result of requests from Brick families. She said they are looking for a facility that would provide ice times that is conducive to parents, which has been a problem in the past. She said that hopefully they can provide another program to the kids through the Recreation Department.

#### **Authorize Receipt of Bids – Operation of Brick Beach 3 Food Concession Stand**

President Halloran stated the Township recently received notification that Park Eats has dissolved and will be unable to operate the Concession Stand at Brick Beach 3 for the 2017 summer season. He advised the Purchasing Department contacted the next highest bidder, but unfortunately, due to start-up costs, equipment, insurance, and the potential impact on business from the beach replenishment project, they declined to operate the concession this summer. He said this leaves them no choice but to go back out for bid. He advised this service will be a three year contract to include the 2017, 2018 & 2019 summer season.

### **Authorize Receipt of Bids – Lake Riviera Paving Project - Phase III**

President Halloran stated this project includes a traditional mill and overlay with minor base improvement and drainage modifications. He said the roads include Evergreen Drive, Dogwood Drive, Hawaii Drive and Lake Oak Place. He advised the Township received a NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$311,418.00 for this project.

### **Authorize Purchasing Agent to enter into agreement – Two Harley Davidson Motorcycles from the Township of Barnegat**

President Halloran stated the Township recently auctioned off two Township motorcycles through US Gov Bid and received \$12,928.63 for the sale of those motorcycles. He said concurrently, the Township of Barnegat has made available two motorcycles for \$39,000.00. He advised these newer model motorcycles have been used on a very limited basis and have little mileage. He explained the Department has \$24,000.00 in the 2016 capital budget for the purchase of one motorcycle and the remainder of the funds needed for this purchase will be provided by the sale of the older motorcycles and the forfeiture account.

### **Accept DeCotis, FitzPatrick Cole & Giblin Name Change – Legal Services Pool**

President Halloran stated this resolution accepts the name change of a firm in the legal services pool to DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin LLC.

### **Authorize Execution of Agreements - Life Guard Services for Private Beach Associations**

President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes the execution of agreements for lifeguard services at three private beach associations: Ocean Club, Curtis Point and Deauville Beach & Bay Association. He advised the Township provides these Associations with fully certified and trained lifeguards and they are compensated for the salaries of those guards.

### **Authorize Renewal of WeatherFlow Weather Station Agreement**

President Halloran stated this weather station was installed on Rt. 35 on a pole in the parking lot across from Brick Beach 3 in 2009 and the agreement expires this March. He explained the station is completely self-contained with no utilities needed and there is no cost to the Township, and the data goes directly to NOAA, the National Hurricane Center, USCG, the Township's local Emergency Management, and many other partners. He advised the network has been a great success with multiple partners and agencies making use of the data. The National Hurricane Center and the National Weather Service Forecast Offices rely heavily on the data not only for hurricanes but also in their day-to-day operations to improve their forecasts and to help set severe weather watches, warnings, and advisories.

### **Bond Releases/Reductions:**

Clerk Iannarone advised the following:

- Performance Bond Release – AHG Landholdings of Brick – Brick Boulevard an improvement bond in the amount of \$511,588.22 and a cash performance bond in the amount of \$56,843.14.
- Performance Bond Release – Triple “O” LLC – Burnt Tavern Road in the amount of \$11,016.92.
- Inspection Fund Release – NNN Holdings, LLC – Brick Boulevard in the amount of \$442.40.
- Inspection Fund Release – 545 Brick Blvd, LLC – Brick Boulevard in the amount of \$115.79.
- Inspection Fund Release – Manasquan Bank – Princeton Avenue in the amount of \$384.36.
- Inspection Fund Release – Dan W. Skoog – Herbertsville Road in the amount of \$555.24.
- Inspection Fund Release – Sutton Village Association – Sutton Village in the amount of \$3,387.30.

### **Tax Collector:**

Joanne Bergin advised the following:

- State Tax Appeal Granted – Block 44.13 Lot 11 – 338 Bay Lane in the amount of \$2,391.44.
- State Tax Appeal Granted – Block 45.04 Lot 61 – 240 Squan Beach Drive in the amount of \$8,417.45.
- State Tax Appeal Granted – Block 211.06 Lot 10 – 13 Obispo Drive in the amount of

\$664.29.

- State Tax Appeal Granted – Block 701 Lot 3 – 1160 Cedar Bridge Avenue in the amount of \$3,937.82.
- State Tax Appeal Granted – Block 990.10 Lot 1.16 – 130 Northeast Drive in the amount of \$2,266.31.
- Cancel Resolution #108-17 Tax Overpayment – Block 494 Lot 15 – 909 Linden Avenue in the amount of \$1,298.29.

President Halloran opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Councilwoman deJong said that she noticed in the private beach life guarding agreements there is a clause for non-payment due to weather or ocean conditions and asked what will happen when the beaches close for the Army Corp beach replenishment project.

Joanne Bergin replied that they do not expect beach closures due to the Army Corp project; they will be closed in small sections and what they encourage also for the public beaches is that the associations share access at the time when the beach project may impact their area.

Councilman Fozman questioned if the \$13.00/hour for the lifeguard includes the insurance.

Joanne Bergin replied yes it includes everything.

George Scott, 16 Queen Ann Road, asked about liability for the ice skating lessons; he questioned the equipment cost list that is in the lifeguarding agreements.

Vice President Zapic replied it would be the same as any other recreation program. She said regarding the lifeguard agreements it is required that the Township put in an estimated value on the equipment, the list consists of equipment the Township already owns.

Kevin Starkey added any vendor would have to have to provide proof of liability insurance.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Halloran closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

President Halloran opened the public hearing on the Computer Bill Resolution.

Councilman Mummolo said there is a bill for the purchase of an ambulance for the EMTs and he asked what the fleet is up to.

Mayor Ducey replied this is an ambulance replacement and will bring them up to (8) eight. He said this is replacing Ambulance 537, which was taken out of service after a major malfunction and it was determined too costly to repair based also on the existing mileage. He advised in 2016, the Brick Police EMS responded to 8,902 calls for service, which is 97 percent of all calls and noted (8) eight is the number they need to handle that amount of calls.

Councilwoman deJong asked about the bill for Wallace Brothers for the lounge and bathroom facility at Trader's Cove and asked for an update on the project.

Joanne Bergin responded they have made great progress trying to lock up the outside of the building with the winter weather so they are just starting inside and they are hoping for this summer.

Vice President Zapic questioned the bill for EZ Docks Unlimited and asked what is being done at the marina.

Mayor Ducey replied this is for an additional (6) six Jet Ski rental slips. He said this is a very popular activity at the Marina and there is a waiting list for them and they go for about \$1,000.00 each for the summer season and noted it will generate \$6,000.00 every season.

Richard Gross, 29 Greenbriar Boulevard, questioned what type of ambulance is being purchased.

Joanne Bergin replied a Ford F-350.

George Scott, 16 Queen Ann Road, said he was happy to hear about the additional Jet Ski slips and spoke about a situation with an outside ambulance service; asked questions on several bill items for clarification and explanations. He asked about the bill for consulting services for Scott Pezarras.

Kevin Starkey gave him an explanation on the attorney bill items.

Joanne Bergin gave an explanation of each of Mr. Scott's questions and explained the reasons why they need the consulting services of Scott Pezarras.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, spoke about the Gilmore Law firm issue.

There were no further comments from the audience.

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

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:  
Councilman Fozman ABSTAINED on BTMUA;  
Vice President Zapcic ABSTAINED on Gannett and NJ Press Media.

#### **2017 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$2,073,002.28**

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

There were no comments from the audience.

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

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

#### **2017 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,450.50**

President Halloran opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, commended the Mayor on the budget reduction and asked when they will have the departmental budget hearings; he said that he is happy to hear about the improvements to the Hank Waltonowski Park.

President Halloran announced the schedule of departmental budget presentations.

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

George Scott, 16 Queen Ann Road, praised the Public Works Department for helping his neighbor. He spoke about the house on Queen Ann Road that was supposed to be demolished and the fact that they were issued building permits and he does not think that they should have been.

Joanne Bergin explained the reasons why they are required to issue building permits for improvements if the homeowner goes through the proper channels.

Vic Fanelli, 24 Meadow Point Drive, asked for clarification on some of the Mayor's budget/debt reduction plan.

Mayor Ducey gave an explanation on his debt reduction plan.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Halloran closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey mentioned Hackensack Meridian Health will be hosting a Colon Cancer Awareness Event at Civic Plaza on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He spoke about hosting his FaceBook Live event.

Councilwoman Pontoriero thanked the Junior Girl Scout Troop for leading the pledge and congratulated Officer Rossi and Sgt. Olsen on their awards.

Councilman Mummolo thanked the Junior Girl Scout Troop #1216 and thanked the Mayor for a great budget presentation.

Councilwoman deJong thanked the Mayor, Joanne Bergin, Maureen Laffey-Berg and all the other Township employees that have put a lot of effort and hard work into this budget and said she is amazed at what they can do while being fiscally and responsibly conservative with the budget and lowering and maintaining the services.

Councilwoman Crate said she is involved with working with the Township staff on the new website and noted it is all being done in-house and urged residents to contact her with suggestions on how to make it more user-friendly.

Councilman Fozman thanked the Junior Girl Scouts and congratulated the students of the month and stated he is happy with the Mayor's Budget.

Vice President Zapcic thanked the Junior Girl Scouts for leading the pledge and congratulated the students of the month. She warned residents of a new phone scam and advised if anyone receives a call like this say nothing and hang up.

President Halloran also thanked the Junior Girl Scout for leading the pledge. He congratulated Officer Rossi and Sgt. Olsen on their awards. He thanked the Mayor for the great job he has been doing to get the Township fiscally in line along with various Township employees led by the Business Administrator, Mrs. Bergin, to really put a dent into the debt as well as bring the tax base back in line.

Motion by Councilwoman deJong and seconded by Vice President Zapcic to Adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

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Arthur Halloran  
Council President

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Lynnette A. Iannarone  
Township Clerk