

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 7:04 p.m.

Present

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

Also Present

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

Absent

Councilman Arthur Halloran

This meeting began with the salute to the flag led by Webelo Pack 39 followed by a moment of silence.

Vice President Crate and seconded by Councilman Mummolo to dispense with the reading of the minutes of August 27, 2019 meeting and approve the same.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Kids for K9’s Check Presentation

Colleen and Maya presented a check in the amount of \$2,720.00 to Chief Riccio and the Police K9 Unit from the monies that were raised from the Kids for K9’s event that was held on September 7th to help support the K9 dogs.

Vincent Santaniello – Brick Memorial High School Wrestling Champion

Mayor Ducey along with President Zapcic recognized Vincent Santaniello and presented him a certificate in recognition of his outstanding season as a member of the Brick Memorial High School Mustangs Wrestling Team with a career record of 38-2, won the District Championship, the Region Championship and placed third in the NJSIAA State Tournament.

Evan Tallmadge - Brick Township High School Wrestling Champion

Mayor Ducey along with President Zapcic recognized Evan Tallmadge and presented him a certificate in recognition of his outstanding season as a member of the Brick Township High School Dragons Wrestling Team with a career record of 33-5, won the District Championship and finished as a State Tournament Qualifier and in honor of your victory at the Fargo Freestyle National Championship.

Tony Caravella – NJ Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Recipient

Mayor Ducey along with President Zapcic recognized Coach Tony Caravella. Mayor Ducey said Brick Township is fortunate to have been called home by many outstanding individuals who have contributed greatly to the community one such individual is Tony Caravella, who until his retirement in 2012, played a significant role in the education of the young people of Brick Township teaching Social Studies, developing curriculum and coaching students. He said under his leadership, the Mustangs ranked in the top twenty in New Jersey every year from 1983 until 2002, with 317 victories finishing first in the State. He said on September 15th his efforts were recognized with a Lifetime Service Award by the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame for his years of dedication to the development of leadership and citizenship to youth through the sport of wrestling. Mayor Ducey presented him with a proclamation and proclaimed Wednesday, September 25, 2019 to be Coach Tony Caravella Day.

President Zapcic presented Coach Caravella with a resolution on behalf of the Township Council.

CERT Graduation

Mayor Ducey, Chief Riccio, Joe Pawlowicz along with Joe Gilsean recognized the new CERT members. Chief Riccio gave a brief history of the CERT program and mentioned that it is the 10th Anniversary with 42 members to date and presented certificates to: Catherine Christopher, Dona Feldhann, Anthony Guido, Linda Guido, Beatriz Lustbader, Christine Pascucci, Marjorie

Pawlowicz, Ronda Pawlowicz, Corinne Redman, Alan Soyster, Christine Starr, Christopher Troiano and James Vitale.

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Vice President Crate to adopt the following Resolutions.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Recognize Tony Caravella – NJ Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Recipient.

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution recognizes Coach Tony Caravella's induction into the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Under the leadership of Tony Caravella, the Brick Memorial High School Mustangs has developed into one of the most successful in the State of New Jersey, amassing 317 victories, 19 team district titles, 12 Shore Conference titles, 10 seasonal titles and five group State titles. She said Coach Caravella has played a vital role in bringing national recognition to the community and Brick Memorial High School.

Recognize Cathy Lindenbaum – 2019-2021 New Jersey PTA President.

Vice President Crate stated this resolution recognizes Cathy Lindenbaum as the 2019-2021 New Jersey PTA President. She said Mrs. Lindenbaum has served on the Drum Point Elementary and Lake Riviera Middle School PTA holding all executive positions except Treasurer and, additionally, served on the Brick Township High School PTSA as Corresponding Secretary and President. She thanked Cathy and all PTA volunteers for all they do to support the students, families, teachers, administrators and schools in this and every community.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Purchase & Delivery of Sign Materials.

Vice President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the purchase and delivery of sign materials. She explained this bid is for an item-per-item basis for the purchase and delivery of sign supplies, to include sign blanks, pre-made signs, street signs, stencils and ink cartridges used by the Township's Sign Shop. She said to date the Township had an approximate expenditure of \$64,000.00 during this current two-year contract period, which will expire on December 8, 2019.

Authorize Receipt of Bids – Tree Trimming, Removal & Disposal Services.

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for tree trimming, removal and disposal services. He said this bid is for all necessary tree trimming, removal and disposal that cannot be done in-house. He explained the work will include the removal of dead, dying, diseased, interfering, objectionable or weak branches and/or complete the removal of the entire tree including the grinding or removal of stump and all exposed roots to a depth of six inches below the adjacent existing ground level, chips removed and replaced with fill dirt upon request. He advised the Township had an approximate expenditure of \$25,000.00 during this current two-year contract period with Falkinburg Tree Expert Company and this contract will expire on December 6, 2019.

Authorize 2019-2020 Taxi Cab Business Renewals:

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes taxi cab renewal licenses to Ace Taxi Service, Brick Taxi and Mantoloking Taxi, LLC.

Authorize Placement of Tax Liens for Property Clean-ups.

President Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the placement of tax liens at: 473 Myrtle Avenue in the amount of \$198.01; 472 Myrtle Avenue in the amount of \$127.02; 747 Cherry Lane in the amount of \$89.12; 1457 Princess Avenue in the amount of \$308.40; 125 Richard Street in the amount of \$76.29 and 28 Adams Drive in the amount of \$75.38.

Councilman Fozman read a resolution Opposing Assembly Bill A-1738 known as "New Jersey Safe and Responsible Driver Act"; he asked for this resolution to be placed on the consent agenda; he made a motion – there was no second motion.

President Zapcic reminded him of the agenda process.

Councilman Mummolo and Councilwoman Pontoriero advised him his resolution should be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee prior to being placed on a council meeting agenda.

President Zapcic opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, commented on Councilman Fozman's request for the resolution.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, stated her displeasure with the way the meetings are being run; she commented on Councilman Fozman's request; she spoke of other issues that she is not happy with; she spoke of the lack of public transportation in Brick.

Olivia, 496 Silverton Road, asked if the Township requires the taxi companies to perform background checks on their employees to do business here in Brick and expressed this is a big concern for her especially since she is college student and due to a recent issue that happened with a student from Philadelphia.

Clerk Iannarone advised they do require background checks, the taxi drivers are fingerprinted, they are drug screened and they require to have a physical from their doctor before the license can be issued.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Zapcic closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Councilman Fozman said the Bright View Engineering did a noise study at Evergreen Woods and asked if the report is available; he questioned a few other bills; he commented on the donations that were made by businesses for the Christmas tree at Town Hall.

Joanne Bergin advised they do not have the study yet.

Kevin Starkey and Councilwoman deJong addressed his other concerns.

Councilwoman Pontoriero questioned the total cost of the noise study.

Joanne Bergin said not to exceed \$52,000.00.

Mayor Ducey advised Councilman Fozman the donations were mainly from various Township professional contractors and thanked them for their donations for the tree.

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

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, commented on the Christmas tree.

There were no further comments from the audience.

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

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Councilman Fozman to adopt the following Resolution.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:
Councilwoman deJong ABSTAINED on CME Associates and
Councilman Mummolo ABSTAINED on Meridian Occupational Health

2019 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$2,230,438.80

Councilman Fozman questioned the CME Rider Escrow.

Joanne Bergin addressed his concern.

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

There were no comments from the audience.

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

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pontoriero to adopt the following Resolution.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:
Councilwoman deJong ABSTAINED on CME Associates

2019 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,751,103.30

President Zapcic opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Roxanne Jones, W. Princeton Avenue, said she was happy about the new Christmas tree at town hall and all holidays acknowledged by the government and also happy to see the Menorah there as well; she was happy to hear Brick Township does a thorough investigation of the taxi drivers and noted some big cities do not do the same.

Melanie Briggs, Summit Avenue, spoke about the Christmas tree, fundraising and the five minute clock.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, stated her displeasure some of the presentations done at council meetings; she spoke of other issues with the council meetings that she is not happy with; state her displeasure with the Township hiring of an engineering firm for the Evergreen Woods sound study.

Vice President Crate addressed Ms. Coll's remarks on the Kids for K9's presentation.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, commented on the Kids for K9's presentation.

Vice President Crate advised this was the 2nd year for the Kids for K9's event

Roxanne Jones, W. Princeton Avenue, expressed her pleasure with the presentations tonight.

Melanie Briggs, Summit Avenue, advised she has a single stream sticker for her recycling can and was not sure where to place it on the can.

Vice President Crate advised anywhere outside of the can where you can see it.

Nan Coll, 18 Greenbriar Boulevard, spoke about recycling the refillable lighters.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, read his letter regarding the parking construction project and the need for reforestation along certain areas along the parkway and the need for a noise wall at Evergreen Woods; he commented on the lack of help from some of the council members past and present.

Councilman Mummolo, Vice President Crate and Councilwoman deJong each stated what the Governing Body has done to address the concerns at Evergreen Woods over the past years.

John Sluka stated his displeasure with council remarks and thanked Administration for their efforts.

Stephen Brill, 806 Jenny Court, thanked the council and Mayor for the initiative in getting the sound study and all the help they have given them through the years.

Melanie Briggs, Summit Avenue, said the Mayor, council and Administration have been very involved with the Evergreen Woods issues; she spoke about the fundraising efforts for building of the hospital years ago.

Michele Spector, 808 Jenny Court, thanked Mayor and Administration for everything they have done to help them, especially the engineer for a sound study.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Zapcic closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Ducey spoke about his conversation with Craig Coughlin, Speaker of the Assembly on the Senate Bill S-2425 and School Funding Formula along with the emergency school aid money that is available throughout the State – and was advised the school district did apply for that aid; he said they should be hearing soon about plans for the new VA Clinic and expressed how much this would help our veterans and mentioned some amenities this clinic will have; he spoke about the opiate lawsuit and mentioned the following programs Blue Hart Program, DARE, Lead and Seed; he announced the upcoming Italian Flag Raising event at Town Hall.

Kevin Starkey spoke of the great presentations tonight and said he believes it is a core function of government to honor the citizens and especially the children/students in the community.

Councilman Fozman congratulated and thanked Coach Caravella for his dedication to the students in Brick and congratulated Kathy Lindenbaum as the NJ State PTA President; he thanked the Kids for K9's for their fundraising efforts and congratulated the wrestlers and also congratulated all the CERT graduates; he spoke about Assembly Bill A-1738; he spoke about some issues at 74 Fairview Avenue.

Joanne Bergin explained they are aware of the issues with 74 Fairview Avenue and will continue to check on the progress.

Councilwoman Pontoriero thanked all for the great presentations and what an honor it is to recognize the children of the community – they are the future of Brick; she spoke about Mental Health Awareness also is in September; she announced the upcoming event at the Brick Elks for Brick's Fallen Heroes and urged resident to attend; she said she hopes that they will hear that Brick will host the new VA Clinic.

Councilwoman deJong mentioned there is a new HVAC business in the Buy in Brick Program.

Councilman Mummolo said he attended the 20th Anniversary of the Garden Club and thanked them for all their hard work; he thanked the Webelo Pack for leading the pledge; he thanked Maya and Colleen for their great job on raising money for the K9's, congratulated the wrestlers, and the new CERT members; he spoke of the agenda process.

President Zapcic congratulated Vincent and Evan for their athletic achievements; she congratulated Coach Caravella along with the new CERT members; she spoke about the many free services that Anchor Family Success Center in Brick provides.

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Vice President Crate to Adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Andrea Zapcic
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk