

November 8, 2023

A 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.

Township Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in the Asbury Park Press and The Ocean Star on January 27, 2023. Copies of the agenda were provided to the newspapers, posted on public bulletin boards and the township website (www.bricktownship.net)

Present
Councilman Perry Albanese
Councilman Derrick Ambrosino
Councilman Vince Minichino
Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero
Councilwoman Melissa Travers
Council Vice President Andrea Zapcic
Council President Heather deJong

Also Present
Kevin Starkey, Township Attorney
Lynnette A. Iannarone, Township Clerk
Lisa Crate, Mayor
Joanne Bergin, Business Administrator

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Motion by Councilman Ambrosino and seconded by Council Vice President Zapcic to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the October 24, 2023 meeting and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Council President deJong advised that the bond ordinance on first reading was being pulled from the agenda so a few things could be clarified.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilman Ambrosino to Adopt the following Resolutions.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Authorize Amending 2023 Capital Budget

Councilman Minichino advised this resolution authorizes amending the Township's 2023 capital budget to include the acquisition of properties for open space as recommended by the Brick Open Space Savers.

Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – Ocean County Health Dept. Municipal Alliance Grant - 2023

Council Vice President Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the insertion of a grant in the amount of \$21,773.00 from the Ocean County Health Department for the 2023 Municipal Alliance Grant. This grant supports the various programs offered by the Brick Municipal Alliance Committee.

Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services – 2023 Federal Award - Community Project Funding

Mayor Crated explained this resolution authorizes the insertion of a grant in the amount of \$197,344.00 from the US Department of Health and Human Services Community Project Funding for the new Senior Services Dialysis Transportation. This grant will help offset the costs for 2 new busses, drivers and medical aides to ride on the bus to provide assistance as needed and they are excited to have this coming to Brick Township.

Authorize Insertion of Chapter 159 – N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection – 2023 Stormwater Assistance Grant

Councilman Ambrosino advised this resolution authorizes the insertion of a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Stormwater Permitting and Water Quality Management. The NJDEP is providing grant funds to modernize stormwater management systems including feasibility studies for forming stormwater utilities and resilience planning for local governments to upgrade their stormwater programs to focus on strategies to better manage the impacts of stormwater.

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Authorize Receipt of Bids – Fireworks Exhibitions

Councilwoman Pontoriero said this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for the Township’s annual fireworks exhibitions at Summerfest and Fall Fest.

Authorize Award of Contract and Rebid – Snow Removal Services

Councilwoman Travers explained this resolution authorizes the award of contract and rebid for snow removal services. Bid notices were mailed to 79 prospective bidders from the bidders list and 10 picked up bid packages. Four bids were received and all are being awarded those contractors are: AsphaSeal, Manchester; Glenside Equipment Company, Farmingdale; Marlin Construction Services, Jackson; and New Gen Recycling, Toms River. The Township is re-advertising for these services in the hopes of securing additional snow plow contractors as needed for snow removal and winter maintenance on 1,762 Township-owned streets for a total of 780 lane miles.

Authorize Close Out Change Order #1 – 2021 Roadway Resurfacing Contract - Point Pleasant Manor Phase II

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the close out change order for the Point Pleasant Manor roadway resurfacing contract with Earle Asphalt Company, Farmingdale. The change order reflects a contract decrease in the amount of \$58,182.62 as the result of as-built quantities.

Authorize Sale of Surplus Property – Municibid Online Auction

Councilman Ambrosino advised this resolution authorizes the sale of surplus property via a Municibid online auction. The auction will begin on December 6th and remain live through December 13th. Items scheduled for auction include police vehicles and police equipment. As compensation for promoting and conducting the online auction, there is a 7 percent commission which will be subtracted from the final sale price.

Bond Releases/Reductions:

Clerk Iannarone advised of the following:

- Performance Bond Release – Block 323.04, Lots 6 & 8.03 – in the amount of \$11,443.20
- Inspection Fund Release – Block 382, Lot 1.02 – in the amount of \$52.43
- Inspection Fund Release – Block 701, Lot 7 – in the amount of \$1,687.06.

Tax Collector:

Business Administrator Bergin advised of the following:

- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 1192.02, Lot 31
- Tax Exemption – Block 673, Lot 44

Council President deJong opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Nan Coll asked for more information on the first resolution regarding the acquisition of property and also asked for addresses be included rather than always referring to block and lots. She also asked if Point Pleasant Manor was in Point Pleasant and noted she isn’t tech savvy to look up the addresses.

Council President deJong advised the bond ordinance was to acquire land off Herbertsville Road, Maple and 2nd Avenues near the Sawmill Tract.

Council Vice President Zapcic advised that Point Pleasant Manor is located between Route 88 & 70.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President deJong closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Council President deJong closed the public hearing on the Computer Bill Resolution.

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Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilman Ambrosino to Adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.
Councilman Minichino abstained from Teamsters and Council President deJong abstained from Community Services Inc.

Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$14,981,147.43

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

There were no comments from the public.

Council President deJong closed the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution.

Motion by Councilwoman Travers and seconded by Councilman Minichino to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,881,609.34

Ordinance on First Reading: Bond Ordinance – Acquisition of Property for Open Space – This ordinance was postponed till next meeting.

Ordinance on First Reading: Amending Section 288-40 to Exclude Vehicles Over 4 Tons on Van Zile Road

Clerk Iannarone read the Title of the Ordinance into the Record.

Councilman Minichino explained this ordinance supports the need to exclude trucks over 4 tons along Van Zile Road between NJ Route 70 and Burnt Tavern Road. The Police Department's Traffic Safety Bureau and the Ocean County Engineer's Office made this request to the NJDOT after investigating complaints from residents.

Motion by Councilman Ambrosino and seconded by Councilwoman Travers to Adopt the following Ordinance on First Reading and said Ordinance be published as provided by law:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRICK,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BRICK IN SECTION 288-40, TO
EXCLUDE VEHICLES OVER 4 TONS FROM CERTAIN
SECTIONS OF VAN ZILE ROAD**

Council President deJong opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

John Sluka read a letter regarding the harm the air pollution from the Garden State Parkway has created and the long term affects air pollution has on children and seniors according to WHO – World Health Organization. He requested legal means to correct their actions and listed various areas within the Township that are affected.

Nan Coll said as long as she has an unresponsive council she will continue with her stream of consciousness. She stated that the council are public servants but this council doesn't act like it and it's a disgrace. She said there is a lack of lighting on the sidewalks and roadways and we pay the electric bills for street lighting that is out. She also suggested holding caucus and public meetings to discuss items in more detail.

Richie Campbell questioned the types and number of EV vehicles the Township has and suggested using more EV models such as Tesla, like other towns. He said the Township can reduce taxes with the savings. He also suggested using more technology such as installing more cameras like Atlantic City has done to help with the increased crime. He said that AI and Data Collection tools would be cheaper than how they are doing things.

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He also said they should be streaming meetings on Facebook or using Zoom so all residents can actively participate enabling seniors and disabled to watch. Mayor Ducey had live events. He noted he has a degree in energy management also.

Council President deJong said she would bring his concerns to the EV (Electric Vehicles) Committee.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President deJong closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Mayor Crate thanked the Brick community for voting for her. She said she was appreciative that she was elected along with her four council running mates – Vince Minichino, Melissa Travers, Derrick Ambrosino and newcomer Steve Feinman. She looks forward to working together to make Brick better and is very grateful to be elected.

Councilman Albanese congratulated the Mayor and Council and said he looks forward to working with newly elected Steve Feinman.

Councilwoman Pontoriero congratulated the Mayor and Council and noted that Mayor Crate is the first elected female mayor. It will continue to open doors for young girls and women. She also stated that they have a female majority on the council and that speaks volumes. She welcomes a new resident to Brick – her father – who will participate in the senior activities and was surprised to see a new building dedicated to seniors.

Councilman Ambrosino said it was a monumental win for Mayor Crate. He thanked the residents for exercising their right to vote and for seeing democracy at work. He said he was proud to be reelected. In reference to those without computer access, he suggested taking advantage of the public library and their resources.

Councilwoman Travers thanked the voters and congratulated Mayor Crate and the Council and said she looks forward to moving forward.

Council Vice President Zapcic congratulated Mayor Crate and Councilmen Ambrosino and Minichino, Councilwoman Travers and welcomed Councilman Steve Feinman. She said she started on council with Lisa Crate and is proud that she is the first duly elected female mayor.

Council President deJong congratulated Mayor Crate and said she earned it and worked long hours and her efforts paid off. She looks forward to keeping busy and serving all the residents with all reelected council and welcomed new councilman Steve Feinman.

Motion by Councilman Ambrosino and seconded by Councilman Albanese to Adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Heather deJong
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk