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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 February 16, 2024. 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
Councilwoman Heather deJong
Councilman Steve Feinman
Council Vice President Derrick Ambrosino
Council President Vince Minichino

Also Present

Scott Kenneally, Township Attorney
Lynnette A. Iannarone, Township Clerk
Lisa Crate, Mayor
Joanne Bergin, Business Administrator

Absent

Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero
Councilwoman Melissa Travers

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

Motion by Council Vice President Ambrosino and seconded by Councilman Albanese to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June 25, 2024 meeting and approve same.

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.
Councilman Feinman abstained due to his absence.

Police Promotions

Brenden Barnes was promoted to Sergeant and Michael Feeney was promoted to Lieutenant. Chief David Forrester gave a bio for each officer of their work history and prior accomplishments. He also thanked fellow officers for attending and the Mayor and Council for their continuing support of the police department. Mayor Crate swore in each officer with their families at their side.

Motion by Council Vice President Ambrosino and seconded by Councilman Feinman to adopt the following Resolutions:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Authorize Bid for 2024 Pavement Markings, Various Locations

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for pavement markings at various locations throughout municipal streets and public complexes including but not limited to Greenbriar, Greenbriar II, Princeton Commons, the Municipal Complex, Civic Plaza parking lot, Brick Beach 1 parking lot, Brick Beach 3 parking lot, the Drum Point Sports Complex parking lots, Wedgewood, Duquesne Boulevard and Laurelton Gardens. The work consists of construction of pavement markings, traffic lines, and painted or thermoplastic symbols at various locations on municipal roadways and public property.

Authorize Bid for Computer & Printer Supplies

Council President Minichino advised this resolution authorizes the receipt of bids for computer and printer supplies. Currently, the Data Processing Department is compiling a list of required supplies they anticipate purchasing in the next contract period. This bid solicits both original equipment manufacturer and remanufactured supplies.

Authorize Bid for Dredge and Marsh Restoration

Councilman Albanese said this resolution authorizes the receipt of bid for dredge and marsh restoration. The project generally consists of year one of a two-year hydraulic dredging operation in Brick Township with placement of material in marsh areas for restoration purposes. This project does not include dredging of any privately-owned residences.

Authorize Competitive Contracting for Janitorial Services

Councilman Feinman stated this resolution authorizes the use of competitive contracting for janitorial services. Previously, the Township procured these services through the

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usual bid process which requires award to be made to the lowest bidder, regardless of past vendor experience in the field. However, State Statute provides for a process that allows the Township to consider “other factors” when awarding a contract in addition to price. In this process, the Township is able to consider the vendors’ past experience, history and proposed plan as well as their price.

Authorize Award of Contract for Flood Control Valves.

Council Vice President Ambrosino explained this resolution authorizes an award of contract in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 with Core and Main LP for the purchase and delivery of flood control valves. Bid notices were provided to three prospective bidders. Four potential bidders picked up bid packages and two bids were received with Core and Main being the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Authorize Award of Contract for General Athletic Equipment & Supplies

Councilwoman deJong said this resolution authorizes an award of contract in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year for general athletic equipment and supplies. The purchases will be made through several vendors at an approved schedule of prices. Vendors awarded this contract include BSN Sports; MFAC; Riddell; S&S Worldwide; School Specialty and Triple Crown Sports. Notices were provided to 30 bidders on the bidders list and 12 potential bidders requested bid packages. Six bids were received.

Authorize Award of Contract to Comtech Solacom Technologies – 9-1-1 Equipment & Emergency Notification Software & Services Upgrade

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes an award of contract in the amount of \$146,696.10 to Comtech Solacom Technologies for upgrades to the Township’s current 9-1-1 system. This purchase is being made through the Houston-Galveston national cooperative system.

Authorize Close Out Change Order #1 – Cedar Bridge Manor Park Improvements

Councilman Albanese advised this resolution authorizes a close out change order increase in the amount of \$19,845.70 with Robbie Lane Enterprises for the Cedar Bridge Manor project. The change order increase is the result of as-built quantities.

Bond Releases/Reductions: Clerk Iannarone advised of the following:

- Performance Bond Release – Block 36, Lot 12
- Performance Bond Release – Block 1446.03, Lot 5
- Inspection Fund Release – Block 1447.02, Lots 23, 24, & 25

Tax Collector: Clerk Iannarone also advised of:

- 100% DAV/Widow of Veteran Deduction – Block 1406.05, Lot 57

Council President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Nan Coll questioned the pavement markings in Greenbriar II but wanted to know when paving would be done there. She also asked for a couple of the resolutions to be repeated. Council members repeated each accordingly.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Computer Bill Resolution

Motion by Councilman Albanese and seconded by Council Vice President Ambrosino to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Councilwoman deJong abstained on Northern Ocean Habitat for Humanity.

Council President Minichino abstained on Teamsters.

2024 Computer Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,096,258.65

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

There were no comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution

Motion by Councilman Feinman and seconded by Councilman Albanese to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

2024 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$2,070,585.61

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

Stephen Brill spoke of his concerns at Evergreen Woods due to the NJ Parkway expansion. He said they were given saplings but they were not enough to act as a noise buffer and many of those have died off now. He questioned where the "No Net Loss Grant" monies went and that trees were only planted on municipal property. He was aware of the noise study done at the Township's expense but asked if any margin of error was taken into account. He said there are 802 homes in Evergreen Woods and they have paid a lot of taxes throughout the years. He suggested finding other grant monies to help their situation.

Nan Coll of Greenbriar Blvd. said that as a council they should have hounded the State to help Evergreen Woods. She suggested holding town hall meetings for residents to voice their concerns.

There were no further comments from the public.

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

Mayor Crate thanked the Garden Club for their work on the 21st Secret Garden Tour. She attended and visited all six gardens. She said a lot of preparation goes into this and they are already working on next year's event and seeking gardens to showcase. She also thanked the businesses for their donations to the Garden Club. She said she also attended the POAC Autism Surf Day and it was a delight to see the lifeguards with all of the children. She thanked POAC and the lifeguards for their efforts. July 4th was the first SummerFest and an estimated 17,000 were in attendance along with numerous boats in the river. She thanked Councilman Albanese and Mrs. Bergin for helping her sell 50/50 raffle tickets to benefit the TNR program. It was their biggest intake with a \$2,400. prize. July 11th show will feature Garden State Radio. She thanked Recreation, Parks, Police, EMS, CERT Team, Public Works, Fire, Ron Gaskill and the lifeguards for their part in making these events run smoothly and without incidents. With regards to the concerns brought up at the last meeting she advised a meeting has been scheduled with the MUA and for the flooding, they are contacting the NJDEP to have a discussion with them to see what can be done.

Council President Minichino congratulated the two police officers on their promotions.

Motion by Council Vice President Ambrosino and seconded by Councilman Albanese to Adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Vince Minichino
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk

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