

June 4, 2020

The Township Committee met on the above date via Gotomeeting.com with Mayor Jeremy Liedtka calling the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Mr. Gillespie explained that three quarters of the members present need to determine there is a reasons for the emergency meeting. He stated the emergency is if and when NJNG starts mobilizing at the Ames farm. The discussion is limited to this issue only and could not reasonably have provided public notice of the meeting. Mr. Gillespie stated he spoke yesterday with the attorney from NJNG and he advised the Township Committee he believes this qualifies for an emergency meeting. Toll call was taken showing present: Mayor Jeremy Liedtka, Deputy Mayor Lido Panfili, Committeemen Shreekant Dhopte and Michael Russo and Committeewoman Denise Koetas-Dale. Also present John Gillespie Township Attorney, Chief of Police Kyle Wilson and Caryn Hoyer Township Clerk.

Mr. Panfili made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to proceed with the meeting as an emergency. Roll call: Koetas-Dale – yes; Dhopte – yes; Panfili – yes; Russo – yes; Liedtka – yes.

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2020-6-1 to discuss matters relating to attorney-client privilege. Roll call

RESOLUTION 2020-6-1

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session not open to the public may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield to discuss, in a session not open to the public, certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield to discuss, in a session not open to the public, certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12b and designated below:

- Matters required by law to be confidential.
- Matters where the release of information would impair the right to receive funds.
- Matters involving individual privacy.
- Matters relating to collective bargaining agreements.
- Matters relating to the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property or the investment of public funds.
- Matters relating to public safety and property.
- Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and the attorney-client privilege.
- Matters relating to the employment relationship.

- ___ Matters relating to the potential imposition of a penalty.
- ___ Matters relating to deliberations on administrative and/or quasi-judicial matters.
- ___ Matters relating to contact negotiations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, assembled in public session on June 4, 2020 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held at 5:08 PM via gotomeeting.com for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above. It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Panfili made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to return to regular session at 6:38 PM. All were in favor.

Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfili to authorize the solicitor to proceed as discussed in closed session. Roll call: Ms. Koetas-Dale – yes; Mr. Dhopte – yes; Mr. Russo – yes; Mr. Panfili – yes; Mr. Liedtka – yes.

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to open the meeting to public comment. There was one person present however no comment was made. Hearing no comment, Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to close public comment. All were in favor.

Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Panfili to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC
Municipal Clerk