

## **CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION NOVEMBER 10, 2022**

The Township Committee met on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 295 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Panfili at 6:30 p.m. followed by a flag salute and moment of silence.

The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Present: Belinda Blazic, Denise Koetas-Dale, Michael Russo and Lee Panfili  
Absent: Jeremy Liedtka

Also present: Thomas A. Sahol, Township Administrator; Caryn M. Hoyer, Township Clerk; Rachel Fryc, Deputy Clerk and John Gillespie, Township Attorney

### **AGENDA MATTER(S) REQUIRING RECUSAL(S) - NONE**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve the October 27<sup>th</sup> minutes. Voice vote – All in favor.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor. Hearing no comments, Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to close public comment. All were in favor.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Hoyer stated that the HPC sent the Township Committee a memo regarding moving forward with an ordinance on demolition by neglect. The HPC is working with Mr. Gillespie on how to move forward.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Ms. Blazic made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2022-11-1. Roll Call - YEAS: Blazic, Koetas-Dale, Russo, Panfili

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-11-1**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION UNDER NJSA 40A:4-87 FOR SLFRF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$146,327.48 IN THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2022-11-2. Roll Call - YEAS: Blazic, Koetas-Dale, Russo, Panfili

**RESOLUTION 2022-11-2**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS**

**BILL LIST**

Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve the bill list.  
Voice vote – All in favor.

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION**

**Annual Best Practices Inventory** - Mr. Sahol stated that each year the Township is required to submit a completed checklist to the Department of Community Affairs. Mr. Saho, Ms. Hoyer and Ms. Wulstein worked together to successfully complete it. Mr. Sahol reported the Township results were good.

**Mayor / Cricket Pitch Dugouts** – Based on discussion at the last Township meeting, Mayor Panfili asked Mr. Hirsh to supply estimates on installing two (2) dugout systems for the cricket pitch fields at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Township meeting.

**Administration/Tennis Wall** – Mr. Sahol reported the quotes for the tennis wall came back and were very favorable. The proposed location for the tennis wall is the old sand volleyball court at the Municipal Park where lacrosse and tennis are both played. Ms. Blazic asked if we are going out to bid. Mr. Sahol responded that they went out for quotes instead of bids. The quotes were significantly less than the bids received last year. Ms. Blazic asked Mr. Sahol to supply the Committee with a summary of the quotes.

Mr. Sahol reported that the Chesterfield Elementary School has been concerned about the lack of lighting at the school parking lot. The Township purchased and plan to install (2) solar lights at the price of \$186.00 per light and \$219.00 per pole. The lights will be facing away from the homes and into the parking lot.

Mr. Sahol met with the BOE and they are interested in doing a land swap with the the Township. They are interested in obtaining additional property behind the school that is owned by the Township in exchange for the old Union Fire House on New Street in Crosswicks. Mr. Sahol stated that the school also owns land across the street from the fire house that would be needed for parking if the Township agreed to the land swap. Mayor Panfili said that the land swap is not possible unless the Township acquires both properties due to the need of parking in the village. Mr. Gillespie stated that 18 of the proposed acres behind the school are deed restricted due to Green Acres. He will find look into which acres they are and get back to the Committee.

Ms. Koetas-Dale asked Mr. Sahol to explain what is going on with the lowering of the water in the basins. Mr. Sahol stated that plant life has been growing up into

the basins and the public works department is working on opening and emptying out the basins in order to pull out the vegetation. Once done the will fill up quickly and be restored. Joe Hirsh will then inspect them for Storm Water Management which is required for DEP permits. Ms. Koetas-Dale said that leaves are a big factor and clog up the storm water drains as well. She asked the residents to take their leaves to the Township Recycling Center instead of piling them in the roads.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Panfili asked Mr. Sahol to designate a leaf drop off area at the Township Recycling Center that is open to the public at all times.

Motion made by Ms. Blazic seconded by Mr. Russo to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Sherri Dudas, 258 Crosswicks-Ellisdale Road said there is a process with the State if the Township plans on converting property from Green Acres. She asked why the Township does not apply for Green Acres funding for all recreation development.

Hearing no further comments, Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to close public comment. All were in favor.

Mr. Gillespie does not agree with Ms. Dudas and said to his knowledge all recreation fields and improvements were bought with Green Acres or County grants. Mr. Sahol and Mr. Hirsh are constantly monitoring possible grants that can be used for the Township. Mayor Panfili asked Mr. Sahol to look into an additional speed bump on Buttonwood Street and an update from the County on the possible round-a-bout at Old York/Chesterfield-Crosswicks/Margerum roads intersection and report back at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meeting.

Ms. Koetas-Dale reported that the Green Team is looking for new members and to reach out to Aggie at the Township if interested.

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC  
Township Clerk