

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION MARCH 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 Lee Panfili at 6:30 p.m. followed by a flag salute and moment of silence.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

Also present: Thomas A. Sahol, Township Administrator; John Gillespie, Township Attorney; Caryn M. Hoyer, Township Clerk; Joe Hirsh, Township Engineer, Rachel Fryc, Deputy Township Clerk and Troy Ulshafer, Public Works Foreman.

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

AGENDA MATTER(S) REQUIRING RECUSAL(S)

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve the February 24th Minutes. Voice vote – All Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to move the discussion on cannabis up on the agenda after appointing Cody Wilson. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2022-3-1

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CODY WILSON AS FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve Resolution 2022-3-1. Voice vote – All Ayes

Mayor Lee Panfili administered the Oath of Office to patrolman Cody Wilson.

OLD BUSINESS

Cannabis- Scott Miccio from Parker McCay supplied and reviewed the following documents with the Township Committee: memo on the state application process for cannabis, municipal requirements sample ordinance and the state security requirements. Mayor Panfili asked if it is allowed on preserved farmland. Mr. Miccio does not know any specifics in regards to preserved land. Mr. Gillespie asked the Committee how they would like to proceed. Mayor Panfili would like to take the next two weeks to review the documents and get some answers to their questions and put it back for discussion at the March 24th meeting. Ms. Koetas-Dale would like to find out if there is any interest from the community or local farmers. Mr. Gillespie will research to see if allowable on preserved land.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 2022-4

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Mr. Russo to introduce Ordinance 2022-4.
Voice vote – All Ayes. The public hearing for this ordinance will be at the Township Committee meeting on March 24th.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

ORDINANCE 2022-2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 66 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Mr. Russo to open to public. Hearing no comment, Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to close public comment. Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Mr. Russo to adopt Ordinance 2022-2.
Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2022-3-2

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES ON TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY

Motion by Ms. Koetas-Dale, seconded by Mr. Liedtka to approve Resolution 2022-3-2. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-3-3

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCTION OF 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve Resolution 2022-3-3.
Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-3-4

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.3ee

Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve Resolution 2022-3-4.
Voice vote – All Ayes

TREASURERS BILL LIST

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve the bill list.
Voice vote – All Ayes

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Engineering Report – Mr. Hirsh reported the following:

- White Pine Road will go to DOT by Monday for approval to bid.
- The handicap ramp will go to CBGB for their approval to bid early next week.
- The elimination of the wooden path at Charlotte Rogers walking path is scheduled for tomorrow.

Mayor Panfili asked about the bridge on Sykesville Road and how long it will take for the County to repair it. Mr. Liedtka stated he spoke with the County and was informed it will take 6-8 weeks to repair once the consultant is hired. He also stated the County contact the Township as soon as the plans are final for Main Street for our review.

Mayor Panfili asked Mr. Hirsh if he has been in touch with the contractor regarding additional punch list work on Sykesville Road. Mr. Hirsh replied yes and he is waiting for the schedule.

Pickle Ball – Mr. Hirsh stated the he met with Troy and Belinda to look at a few locations for the pickle ball courts and Fenton Lane is the best location. Mr. Hirsh supplied the Committee with two different layouts of the courts for their review. Mr. Hirsh said the estimated cost is \$50,000.00 for the two courts. He recommended the side by side courts next to the tennis courts and closer to the walking path and parking lot. The Township Committee agreed on that layout. The Committee will introduce a capital ordinance from the recreation fund at the March 24th meeting.

DPW/RECREATION

Mayor Panfili asked Troy and Rachel about ordering the baseball tarps. Troy replied he and Rachel are looking into what to order. Mayor Panfili asked Rachel if she ordered the indoor pickle ball equipment. Ms. Blazic replied that she does not want to order it at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Routes 677 & 660 alignment and curvature easing safety - Ms. Koetas-Dale would like to approach the County about straightening Chesterfield-Crosswicks Road for safety purposes. She would also like to suggest lowering the speed limit and enforcing it. Mayor Panfili agrees. Mr. Gillespie asked if this would affect the ROSI area of the development. Ms. Hoyer disagrees with straightening of the road and feels it will cause more speeding. She stated only a round- a-bout would work. Mr. Sahol will ask the County Engineers if they have any suggestions. Mayor Panfili asked to get a traffic study from the County of that section of the road. Mr. Sahol said that he and Mr. Hirsh will sit down with the County with all of the Committee's questions and concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor.

Dawn Donahue, 79 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road thanked the Township Committee and the Police Department for catching the people that were breaking into cars in town. She

also thanked Mr. Sahol and Troy for taking her calls. She said residents are not picking up after their dogs in the development.

Herb Ames, 106 Chesterfield-Crosswicks Road asked if the Township Committee has sat down with the County and if they are planning on doing anything on Chesterfield-Crosswicks Road. Mayor Panfili replied that the County Engineer reported that there is no funding for the round-a-bout. Mr. Ames asked if we can go to the County Commissioners. Mr. Ames said that intersection is very dangerous and we need a round-a-bout.

Shreekant Dhopte, 18 Donlonton Circle thanked the Committee for the update on the pickle ball court. He asked how much it will cost to put in the new pickle ball court. Mr. Hirsh replied \$48,000.00 for option A and \$47,000.00 for option B if DPW does not do the grating. Mr. Dhopte asked about the tennis wall. He said the tennis wall was high on the Recreation Survey list and asked if we are still considering it. Mayor replied yes we will go out to bid again and plan to put it at the Municipal Park if approved. Mr. Dhopte asked about the boat ramp that was also proposed based on the Recreation Survey. Ms. Koetas-Dale replied there were some wet land issues and not a lot of requests from residents since the survey.

Vibhor Batra, 5 Saddle Way thanked the Committee for the new pickle ball court. He would like a tennis wall as well.

Ms. Koetas-Dale thanked the Budget Advisory Committee.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to close public comment. All were in favor.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made Mr. Liedtka and seconded by Ms. Blazic. All were in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC
Township Clerk