

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION DECEMBER 8, 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 7:24 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, Jeremy Liedtka, Michael Russo and Lee Panfili

Also present: Thomas A. Sahol, Township Administrator; Caryn M. Hoyer, Township Clerk; John Gillespie, Township Attorney; Joe Hirsh, Township Engineer; Michael Davison, Police Chief and Troy Ulshafer, Public Works Manager(virtual).

AGENDA MATTER(S) REQUIRING RECUSAL(S) - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve the November 10, 2022 minutes. Voice vote – All ayes except Mr. Liedtka who abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

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

Agnes Marsala – 42 Cromwell Drive – Urged the Township Committee to postpone introducing Ordinance 2022-20 and adopting Ordinance 2022-17 as well as Resolution 2022-12-6. She stated this should wait until after the reorganization meeting. She thanked the Mayor and Mike for their service and wished Shreekant and Matt good luck.

Hearing no further public comment, Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to close public comment. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to introduce Ordinance 2022-18. All were in favor. Public Hearing will be December 29, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2022-18

AN ORDINANCE MEMORIALIZING THE SALARIES ESTABLISHED IN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD AND THE CHESTERFIELD POLICE FOP LODGE 114 EFFECTIVE

**JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31,
2026**

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to introduce Ordinance 2022-19. All were in favor. Public Hearing will be December 29, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2022-19

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 155 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD CODE CREATING LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND FORMING AN INSURANCE REGISTRY FOR BUSINESS AND RENTAL UNIT OWNERS PURSUANT TO P.L. 2002, C.92

Ms. Blazic made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to introduce Ordinance 2022-20. Roll call vote: Blazic – Yes; Koetas-Dale – No; Liedtka – Yes; Russo – No; Panfili – Yes. Motion carried. Public Hearing will be December 29, 2022.

ORDINANCE 2022-20

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 130-15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO CREATE A NEW “OLD YORK REHABILITATION AREA SUPPLEMENTAL ACCESS OVERLAY ZONE”

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-17. All were in favor.

Lorrie Thier – 40 Foulks Lane – She stated she tried to speak earlier but was not recognized. She stated the ordinance to amend the redevelopment plan is still under the appeal process and asks that this be held off until the new Township Committee members are in place and the appeal process is done.

Hearing no further public comment, the public hearing was closed and then reopened for public comment when a virtual participant was recognized.

John Green – 109 Bordentown-Georgetown Road – He agreed with other commenters and asked the Township Committee to hold off on the ordinance until the new Committee members are in place.

Hearing no further public comment, Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to close the public hearing. All were in favor.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to adopt Ordinance 2022-17.

Roll Call: YEAS: Blazic, Liedtka, Panfili
NAYS: Koetas-Dale, Russo

ORDINANCE 2022-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2022-15 WHICH ADOPTED THE OLD YORK REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 701 LOT 2.01 THE FORMER OLD YORK COUNTRY CLUB

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to add Resolutions 2022-12-14 and 2022-12-15 to the agenda. All were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2022-12-1. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-1

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR 2023 AMUSEMENT GAMES LICENSE TO FUNDAES ARCADE LLC

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2022-12-2. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-2

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN CHESTERFIELD POLICE FOP LODGE 114 AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD

Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to approve Resolution 2022-12-3. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-3

RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RE-ADOPTING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve Resolution 2022-12-4. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-4

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to approve Resolution 2022-12-5. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-5

RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL FIRE COMMISSIONER COMPENSATION FOR FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 2023

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve Resolution 2022-12-6.

Roll Call: YEAS: Blazic, Liedtka, Panfili
NAYS: Koetas-Dale, Russo

RESOLUTION 2022-12-6 **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A REDEVELOPER FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS “OLD YORK COUNTRY CLUB REHABILITATION AREA”, BLOCK 701 LOT 2.01**

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2022-12-7. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-7 **RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES DUE TO VETERAN EXEMPTION FOR 62 SADDLE WAY KNOWN AS BLOCK 206.216 LOT 1**

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve Resolution 2022-12-8. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-8 **RESOLUTION CANCELLING GRANT FUNDS**

Ms. Blazic made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2022-12-9. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-9 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS FROM VARIOUS ACCOUNTS**

Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve Resolution 2022-12-10. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-10 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO DIAMOND CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO THE CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

RESOLUTION 2022-12-11 is being held until the December 29th meeting.

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2022-12-12. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-12 **RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHREEKANT DHOPTÉ AND RAHUL KALHAPURE AS FIRE POLICE OFFICERS**

Mr. Russo made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to approve Resolution 2022-12-13. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-13 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAXES ASSESSED ON TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY**

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2022-12-14.

Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-14

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
APPLICATION**

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2022-12-15.
Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-12-15

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION
TRANSFERS**

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to approve the bill list.
Voice vote – All Ayes

REPORTS & ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Panfili asked Mr. Hirsh for any updates. Mr. Hirsh stated Phase IV Sykesville Road DOT project has been approved for bidding. That is the area from the bridge toward route 537. Sykesville Road Phase V has been approved for a grant in the amount of \$226,340. This is the balance to get to Route 537. He stated the Handicap Improvement Project is completed. In January, there is a Recreation Improvement Grant which he will submit for.

Mr. Sahol stated he contacted the County and they have advised that the 2022 Paving Contract has been awarded. This is for Bordentown-Crosswicks Road in addition to the ADA ramps, sidewalk and other improvements in the village of Crosswicks. This should probably begin in the spring. Mayor Panfili asked about the additional speed bump on Buttonwood. Mr. Sahol stated the County advised that while they are working out there this can be done through a shared service agreement and they would incorporate it into their project. There would be a cost share to the Township.

Mr. Sahol stated the County anticipates awarding a design consultant for the round-a-bout for the Old York Rd, Chesterfield-Crosswicks Rd and Margerum Rd intersection in the very near future.

Mayor Panfili asked about the status of the cricket pitch dugouts. Mr. Hirsh stated he met with Troy on site and he is developing the sketches that can be used for bidding purposes or see if the Public Works Department can do the project.

Mayor Panfili asked Tom to pass on to the county a thank you for addressing the problem on Route 528 due to the truck traffic from the laydown yard in North Hanover.

Mayor Panfili stated he met with the school last week and the lights are working and asked if we are going to move forward with the solar lights or go with something permanent. Mr. Sahol stated he would recommend staying with the solar if that works as the permanent light would have a larger cost and PSE&G would need to dig up the area.

Mayor Panfili asked Mr. Gillespie if the land transfer with the school is something that can be considered. Mr. Gillespie stated one of the problems will be that they want to use some of the property for a parking lot. Also the lot will need to be subdivided. He stated you would need the State, Green Acres and County approval for all this to happen. It would be a heavy lift. Mr. Gillespie explained how the school property was purchased and the restrictions. Mr. Liedtka suggested maybe the school can relocate the playground and basketball courts and place the parking there. Mr. Panfili stated that previously the committee discussed the land swap but that the firehouse property and lot across the street would need to be considered. He stated that parking is an issue in Crosswicks and that is a way it could be addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Lorrie Thier – 40 Foulks Lane – Ms. Thier asked how long the basins were going to remain drained and thought this was going to be taken care of before everything froze. She asked for an update on the Pickleball Court and if the gate could be made wheelchair accessible. She also stated she walks 5-6 miles every other day and notices a lot of speeding on Recklesstown Way and asked about speed bumps on the long stretches.

Hearing no further public comment Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to close the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Mayor Panfili asked Troy to respond regarding the basin drainage. Troy stated the best way to get rid of the materials is to lower the water level below the frost line of the root system. This is done over the winter and the hope is that they freeze and die off. There are only a few of the basins designed so that they can be lowered. This is the least invasive way to address the issues. The basins are maintained year round. Each basin will be assessed annually.

Chief Davison asked Ms. Thier when she notices the speeding issue. She stated it is usually right after the kids are in school and she walks for 2-3 hours. She stated the area between Harness and Preservation intersections is the area she notices. Chief Davison stated he will direct the patrols to that area more during those times.

Mr. Hirsh stated they can have the ADA gates installed for the pickleball court. That is not a problem. After the weather breaks, there will be a little more grading done for the soils which are holding the water from draining. Final coating will be done when we have better weather.

Mr. Gillespie stated we have a need for executive session for matters pertaining to attorney client privilege. It will last about 30-60 minutes and action may be taken in setting up another meeting.

Mr. Liedtka made motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to go into executive session at 8:05 PM. Resolution 2022-12-16. All were in favor.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to return to regular session at 9:02 PM.

Mr. Gillespie explained the agenda items will be listed in the public notice. The first item will be executive session and when returning to regular session there will be a resolution for approving the agreement. The committee doesn't have to approve the agreement but at least the resolution will be on the agenda so the public can see it. Ms. Koetas Dale made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to schedule a special meeting on December 21st at 4:00 for purposes of attorney client privilege, and personnel/contract negotiation. All were in favor.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC
Township Clerk