

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION MARCH 23, 2023

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 Koetas-Dale at 7:00 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, Jeremy Liedtka, Matthew Litt and Denise Koetas-Dale

Absent: Shreekant Dhopte

Also present: Thomas A. Sahol, Township Administrator; Caryn M. Hoyer, Township Clerk; Rachel Fryc, Deputy Clerk; Michael Davison, Chief of Police; Troy Ulshafer, Public Works Director; Carmella Roberts, Township Engineer and Dominic P. DiYanni, Township Attorney.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve the March 6th special and executive meeting minutes and March 9th regular minutes. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

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

Hearing no comments, Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to close public comment. All were in favor.

PROCLAMATION – Sherry Dudas

Mayor Koetas-Dale presented Ms. Dudas with a proclamation in recognition and appreciation for writing grant applications to obtain grants for composting education and a natural resource inventory.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to open the meeting to public comment on Ordinance 2023-2. Hearing no comments, Mr. Liedtka made a motion

seconded by Mr. Litt to close public comment. Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to adopt Ordinance 2023-2. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-2 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Blazic made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to approve Resolution 2023-3-14. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-3-14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEVELOPER TO OBTAIN A TDR CREDIT FROM BURLINGTON COUNTY

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to approve Resolution 2023-3-15. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-3-15 RESOLUTION APPOINTING EUGENE CARDONE TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Liedtka asked what happens if the resolution does not pass. Mr. DiYanni explained the appointments would still be made as they are appointments of the Mayor and do not require a resolution. Ms. Hoyer explained the resolutions help track the terms when there is a lot of turnover in members on the boards. Mr. Liedtka stated he would like to split resolution 2023-3-16 for the two separate boards. All agreed

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to approve Resolution 2023-3-16. Roll Call - YEA: Litt, Koetas-Dale NAY: Blazic, Liedtka

RESOLUTION 2023-3-16 RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING MAYOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve Resolution 2023-3-17. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-3-17 RESOLUTION APPOINTING MELINDA HANLEY AS CROSSING GUARD

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to approve Resolution 2023-3-18. Roll Call - YEA: Blazic, Liedtka, Litt, Koetas-Dale

RESOLUTION 2023-3-18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve Resolution 2023-3-19. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-3-19

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING MAYOR APPOINTMENTS TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

BILL LIST

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

REPORTS & ADMINISTRATON

Compressor Station – Mr. Sahol reported he is still waiting for a reply from Williams Transco Co. for a date they will attend a Township meeting. They will answer any questions or concerns surrounding the compressor station.

Pickleball Courts – Mr. Sahol reported that weather permitting, the pickleball courts should be completed by the end of April. The contractor is completing the paving and sealing of the court and Public Works is working on getting the fence installed.

Tennis Wall – Mr. Sahol reported that the tennis/lacrosse wall is almost complete. The wall has curred and the entire structure will be seal. The Public Works Department will be working on paving one side for tennis.

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

Paul Cincotta, 15 Gallop Way reported there is a lot of thatch and stagnant water in the ponds. He is concerned it may cause a mosquito issue. Mr. Ulshafer stated they are aware of the cattail and phragmites. The water does filtrate through them but they will be taken care of. The aerators do not usually go in until May. He does not believe the mosquitoes' will be an issue.

Dawn Donahue, 79 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road asked what the requirements are to be on a Township Board. She stated a member of the Budget Advisory Commission is involved in a lawsuit against the Township. She says this is a conflict of interest and not a good idea.

Cindy Malison, 10 Chesterfield-Georgetown Road asked the status of the reduction in speed to 25 mph for Chesterfield-Georgetown Road. Mr. Sahol stated we have authorizing the Engineer to move forward. Ms. Roberts stated the police study is not conclusive. She explained that her office will now do a manual speed study. Her office will review the information and should have recommendation to the Township Committee in 3-4 weeks indicating the appropriate speed limit.

Lorrie Thier, 40 Foulkes Lane asked for an update on the pickleball courts. She is concerned about parts of the asphalt that are being repaired on the pickleball courts and that it is uneven. Mr. Ulshafer explained that the contractor will be adding a leveling course that will level the court out and then apply a seal to the entire court when the weather permits to ensure no moisture gets below the surface.

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

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC
Township Clerk

