

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION JUNE 22, 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 (virtual), Jeremy Liedtka, Matthew Litt and Denise Koetas-Dale

Absent: Shreekant Dhopte

Also present: Caryn M. Hoyer, Township Clerk; Troy Ulshafer, Public Works Director; Carmela Roberts, Township Engineer; Dominic P. DiYanni, Township Attorney and Michael Davison, Police Chief

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve the June 8th regular meeting minutes. All were in favor except Mr. Liedtka who abstained.

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.

Agnes Marsala 42 Cromwell Drive asked about the liquor license renewal for 19th Hole Limited Liability. She was advised this was the annual renewal of the license. They still own the license even though it is not being used. They can do so for two years and then they would need a special ruling by ABC to renew.

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

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Mr. Litt asked how the fees were determined. Ms. Blazic stated that the subcommittee that worked on the ordinance discussed the amounts and thought they were reasonable. They have not been increased in a long time.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to introduce Ordinance 2023-10. All were in favor. Public hearing on the Ordinance will be at the next regular Township Committee meeting on July 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

ORDINANCE 2023-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 110 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "FEES" MOST NOTABLY SECTION 110-105 ENTITLED "CATS" AND 110-106 ENTITLED "DOGS"

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to open the meeting to public comment on Ordinance 2023-9. All were in favor.

Cindy Malison – 10 Chesterfield-Georgetown Road. She stated that walking along the road in the morning is a dangerous place to be. She showed a picture of a sign showing a horseback rider where the speed limit is reduced to 25mph when they are present. The signs are on Waln & Ellisdale. There should be similar signs for pedestrians and bicycles. Chief Davison stated there is a law now that requires vehicles when approaching pedestrians and bikes that if they can pass safely they must give at least 4' distance and 25 mph.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to close public comment. Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to adopt Ordinance 2023-9. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 182 "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" OF THE CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP CODE FOR ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. DiYanni explained that municipalities are required to be a vendor for this program. Residents delinquent on their sewer would apply to the State and if they are qualified, the State may pay the sewer costs to the Township.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to approve Resolution 2023-6-7. Voice vote - All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-6-7

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A VENDOR'S AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP) IN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL WATER AND OR WASTEWATER USERS IN CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to approve Resolutions 2023-6-8, 9 & 10. Voice vote - All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-6-8 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1 FOR TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #21-00003**

RESOLUTION 2023-6-9 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1 FOR TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #21-00007**

RESOLUTION 2023-6-10 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1 FOR TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #21-00008**

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to approve Resolutions 2023-6-11. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-6-11 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO 0307-33-002-009 TO 19th HOLE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to approve Resolution 2023-6-12. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-6-12 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE TERM OF AN INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BORDENTOWN TOWNSHIP, BORDENTOWN CITY, FLORENCE TOWNSHIP, MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP, NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP AND SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP CONCERNING EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS**

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to approve Resolution 2023-6-13. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-6-13 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ROBERTS ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC, TO SUBMIT A NJDOT FY2024 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MARGERUM ROAD**

BILL LIST

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

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Fences in Old York Village – The Committee discussed and recommend forwarding to the Planning Board for their recommendation before we move forward.

Summer Hours – On behalf of the administrative employees, the Clerk advised they would like the Township Committee to consider summer hours of Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 4:15 PM and Friday 8 AM to Noon. This would run through Labor Day and then hours would return to 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. There was concern about letting the public know. The Clerk assured the committee there will be notice. Mr. Liedtka asked about the public works and police secretary. Mr. Ulshafer stated it would not work for them and the DPW hours have been adjusted for the summer to 7AM – 3PM. Chief Davison has not discussed with the police secretary and that will be left up to him. Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic. All were in favor however Mr. Liedtka stated that if there are any issues it will return to the regular office hours and Mr. Litt stated that it is for this year only.

Block Party Road Closure – Bunting & Chilton Drives – The Mayor asked the chief for input on the request. He stated that Bunting between Thorn and Chilton would have less of an impact than Chilton. He is concerned about setting a precedent of closing roads for a private party. Closing Bunting would not affect the entrance to the village or Fenton Lane. Mayor Koetas-Dale stated this should not set a precedent as each request should be reviewed on a case by case basis. There was concern about liability. Mr. DiYanni stated the Township would not be responsible. This is a minimal impact on the community. Mr. Liedtka requested we reach out to the JIF to make sure we are protected. Mayor Koetas-Dale suggested we change the use for

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to close Bunting between Thorn and Chilton subject to JIF approval. All were in favor except Mr. Liedtka.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Public Works Salary Step System – Mayor Koetas-Dale stated the step system is complicated and will be discuss at the next meeting.

Community Garden Update – Mayor Koetas-Dale stated Troy has given some good information on the potential areas. She suggested we table until everyone has the opportunity to go to site. Mr. Liedtka suggested removing those locations without water. Ms. Koetas-Dale suggested rain barrels. Mr. Litt stated there are plenty of areas with water. The mayor asked Roseann to review with Troy as well. Mr. Liedtka asked about Fenton Lane. Mr. Ulshafer stated there is not any room. Relocating the picnic benches might be an option.

Engineer – Carmella gave an overview of what they have been working on. Generators for the Pump stations – they are working on the electrical design.

Sykesville Road 4 & 5 – Cameron will be meeting with the Chief tomorrow and hopefully will be submitting to DOT and all agencies on Monday. She anticipates hearing back from DOT mid July and then ready for bidding.

Public Works Building – She met with Troy and Tom regarding the public works area. They now have a better idea what is needed. They will be putting together a proposal.

She is working on the CAD files for Fenton Lane Park. Currently only have 2008 plans which does not include everything that is at the park now. She requested Troy to see if there are more current drawings as that will reduce the cost.

OLD BUSINESS:

5K Race update – Chief and Abby communicated through email yesterday. He believes securing Fenton Lane with two officers should be sufficient. He stated the new route is significantly less of an impact. Fenton Lane would need to be closed about an hour at the beginning of the race. The race will finish in Fenton Lane Park. Mr. Litt was concerned about notification to the residents. The Mayor asked Troy about a temporary sign to notify residents. Ms. Blazic is concerned about running on the stone in the park. Abby stated she has run it and the gravel is fine. Mr. Blazic stated they are large stones and not comfortable running on and may be a safety concern. Troy stated there are some maintenance issues that they planned on taking care of anyway. He asked that if it is advertised as an all-terrain so participants are aware it could be different terrain. He will go out a few days before to make sure it is in good shape. Abby stated it will be advertised as an all-terrain race. There will be a description of the terrain and the participants also must sign a waiver. Ms. Blazic wants the waiver to be clear about the different terrain and larger rocks. Abby stated the race will raise funds for kids' cancer. Mr. Litt asked if it was a recognized 501c. Abby stated it is. Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt subject to waiver being reviewed and approved. All were in favor. Abby thanked Ms. Blazic for suggesting Fenton Lane Park.

Eagle Scout Project – Mayor Koetas-Dale stated it should be clear that the Township is not going to provide funds for the project at this time. Mr. Litt asked who is going to be responsible for maintaining. Mayor Koetas-Dale stated the scout was advised that it must be maintained by the scouts or it will be removed. Ms. Blazic is concerned that this will impede pedestrian and bicycle travel. By painting these on the pathway, it would create a safety hazard for the children using the pathway and the walkers and bicycles as well. She doesn't think the pathway is wide enough. By putting the hopscotch, squats and other is encouraging people to play on the pathway and that is not what it was constructed for. She is not sure if the bright colors are aesthetically pleasing to everyone. She appreciates all the time and effort the Eagle Scout candidate has put into the project. Troy believes most of the paths are 8 feet wide. Mayor Koetas-Dale does not believe this will be an issue and wants to encourage children and adults to be

outside. Mr. Litt believes the concerns are valid but if this give the kids something to do outside it is a good thing. Mr. Liedtka stated that a few years ago when Shreekant was on the committee before, he had residents complaining to him that kids were using chalk on the sidewalk and it was not aesthetically pleasing. Carmella Roberts stated that a shared use path must be a minimum of 10 feet wide. If you are talking about hopscotch where someone is stationary, there is a concern for safety. Ms. Blazic suggested they find another area. Mr. Litt stated he hopes we let them know it is not approved, however; he hopes they can come back with a better solution. Mayor Koetas-Dale stated she and Troy will reach out to him.

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to open public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lorrie Thier – 40 Foulkes Lane – She stated the sign on Old York Road Cindy referred to states 25 mph when signaled by rider. Those signs would be great for pedestrians. She is concerned with the summer hours and think that is an inconvenience if there is a holiday on Monday. She stated the 5K is a great idea but will the park be closed to other activities. Mayor Koetas-Dale stated she asked that earlier and it would not interfere with soccer. She is surprised about the aesthetic comment regarding the Eagle Scout project since there is a warehouse is proposed. Hope an area can be found for the project that promotes kids to play outside.

Kisan Barot - 96 Applegate Way – He asked about the fence issue. Mayor Koetas-Dale stated it is being referred to the Planning Board for their input before the Township Committee makes a decision.

Mike Sikorski – 77 Waln Road – Thank everyone and Abby for organizing the 5K run. The CTAA does not run games on Sunday and he will coordinate with Rachel anything else scheduled for that day. If there are any other concerns about the race, please let him know.

Steve Hazen – 447 Main Street – He asked what is slated for the firehouse on New Street. Mayor Koetas-Dale stated there is no news.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to close public comment.

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

Mr. Litt asked whether the office closes early on Friday prior to a Monday holiday now. He was advised it has after the Administrator gets approval from the Mayor,

At 8:29, Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to approve Resolution 2023-6-14 for executive session to discuss Personnel & Pending Litigation. All were in favor.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to return to regular session at 8:54 PM. All were in favor.

Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Mr. Litt to adjourn the meeting. All in favor 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC
Township Clerk