

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING JULY 11, 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, Shreekant Dhopte and Denise Koetas-Dale

Absent: Matthew Litt

Also present: Thomas A. Sahol, Township Administrator, Dominic DiYanni, Township Attorney and Caryn M. Hoyer, Township Clerk

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

Mayor Koetas-Dale asked that the Eagle Scout Project Discussion be postponed until the next meeting.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to introduce Ordinance 2023-11. All were in favor. Public hearing will be at the next Township Committee meeting on July 27, 2023 at 7:00.

ORDINANCE 2023-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD TO FIX SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD FOR THE YEAR 2023

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve Resolution 2023-7-1. Voice vote - All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-7-1

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL FOR PENDING

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve Resolution 2023-7-2. Voice vote - All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-7-2

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO MARGERUM ROAD**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Panfili – 518 Ward Avenue – He stated that Friendship Field has been an issue when they run tournaments but this past weekend there were at least a thousand cars. He is concerned that Bordentown Soccer is leasing out their fields for profit events and the participants are not local and they disregard the speed limit. Cars were parked everywhere. Our police department was out there and our ambulance. Corrections had to have someone out there to keep the cars from parking on their property. He is all about youth sports but this was a for profit event. They should have to provide for outside police duty and an ambulance and the township should not have to pay for that. Mr. Sahol stated that he will have a conversation with Bordentown and Corrections so this doesn't become an ongoing problem. Mr. Liedtka stated he has been to many Lacrosse tournaments and there was always a police presence to handle traffic. Mayor Koetas-Dale stated there should be an ambulance there but should not be the ambulance providing service to Chesterfield. Mr. Dhopte stated when Mr. Sahol has his meeting with them to request a schedule so we can be prepared.

Steve Hazen – 447 Main Street – He stated he goes to the strip mall by Bordentown High School every week. The speed limits on Ward Avenue is 35 mph and cars pass him. At the intersection of New and Main Streets most of the cars do not come to a complete stop. They look to see if the police car is there and then continue. He stated we need to start writing tickets. That is the only way to stop them. Some of the people living on the street are not doing the speed limit. There is a lack of the driver's responsibility. Mr. Sahol stated there are portable signs advising drivers of their speed. He will speak to the Police Chief about the issues.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to close public comment. All were in favor.

At 7:15 PM, Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve Resolution 2023-7-3 for executive session to discuss Personnel, Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege. All were in favor.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to return to regular session at 8:36 PM. All were in favor.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC
Township Clerk