

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 16, 2023

The Township Committee met virtually via gotomeeting.com on the above date and open to the public in the Municipal Complex, 295 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Koetas-Dale at 2:32 PM.

The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted. Mr. DiYanni stated for the record that the meeting is behind held in accordance with Chapter 11 of Public Law 2020 which allows public agencies such as Chesterfield Township, to conduct public meetings virtually via different platforms like goto meeting.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Belinda Blazic, Jeremy Liedtka, Matthew Litt, Shreekant Dhopte and Denise Koetas-Dale (All committee members were virtual)

Also present: Thomas A. Sahol, Township Administrator (virtual), Dominic DiYanni, Solicitor (virtual), Troy Ulshafer, Public Works Manager and Caryn M. Hoyer, Township Clerk

Mayor Koetas-Dale asked Mr. Sahol to explain the purpose of the resolution. Mr. Sahol explained the emergency appropriation. The resolution authorizes the emergency action Wendy had to take in order to continue with the municipal operations with regard to vehicle maintenance. We have had more breakdowns then we were able to cover in the budget. The emergency appropriation is enough to get us through the end of the year with a little reserve. He stated if we don't spend it or have enough at the time of budget transfers, then it won't have to be handled in the new year. Mr. Litt asked about the consequences if the resolution was not passed. Mr. Sahol stated the work that needed to be done to get the DPW vehicle back on the road, the vendor would not be able to get paid until November. This is the vehicle we use to remove the materials out of the recycling facility. The ambulance had a couple repairs and police vehicles had a few significant expenses and safety repairs on several others. Being in default with the vendors is not a good situation however not doing the repairs puts people in jeopardy which is far worse. Mr. Dhopte stated when discussing the budget next year, we should consider a contract for vehicle maintenance so we have a fixed cost and so no surprise costs like this. He stated a couple vendors reached out to the Township who would be interested in doing a vehicle maintenance contract. Mayor Koetas-Dale suggested discussing a potential vehicle maintenance contract when we start discussing the budget for next year.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve Resolution 2023-8-1. Voice vote - All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-8-1

**RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 FOR
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to open the meeting to public comment. Hearing none, Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to close public comment.

At 2:40, Ms. Blazic made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve Resolution 2023-8-2 authorizing executive session for personnel matters. All were in favor.

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to return to regular session at 2:51 PM. All were in favor.

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC
Township Clerk