

Holmdel Township Committee – Public Session Minutes – February 12, 2019

The Regular Meeting of Holmdel Township Committee was called to order by Township Clerk Wendy L Patrovich at 7:30 PM in the First Floor Conference Room.

Statement Read by Wendy L Patrovich Deputy Township Clerk:

I hereby announce that pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in the notice which was sent to the Asbury Park Press, and posted on the bulletin board in Township Hall and filed in the Township Clerk's Office on January 8, 2019.

Mayor Hinds led the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silent Prayer.

Present on Roll Call:

Eric Hinds, Mayor
Mike Nikolis, Deputy Mayor
Tom Critelli, Township Committeeman
Rocco Pascucci, Township Committeeman

Absent:

Greg Buontempo, Township Committeeman

Also Present:

Donna Vieiro, Township Administrator
Jeanette Larrison, Chief Financial Officer
Michael Collins, Township Attorney
Fran Mullen, Township Engineer
Bonnie Heard, Township Engineer
Wendy L. Patrovich, Township Clerk

Approval of Minutes

January 2, 2019 Reorganization Meeting

January 15, 2019 Public Meeting

January 29, 2019 Executive & Public

Mayor Hinds requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2019 reorganization meeting, the January 15, 2019 public session minutes, and the January 29, 2019 executive and public session minutes, copies of which are attached hereto. A motion was made by Mr. Nikolis, seconded by Mr. Hinds, and approved on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Critelli, Nikolis, Pascucci and Mayor Hinds

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Buontempo

Consent Agenda

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Mayor Hinds requested a motion to amend the consent agenda to include Resolution 2019-80, titled “RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION” A copy of which is attached hereto.

It was moved by Mr. Critelli, and adopted on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Critelli, Nikolis, Pascucci and Mayor Hinds

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Buontempo

Mayor Hinds then requested a motion to approve the amended consent agenda, consisting of Resolutions 2019-68 to 2019-80, copies of which are attached hereto:

- 2019-68 Bills Payable #1
- 2019-69 Bills Payable #2
- 2019-70 Resolution Approving Trailer Permit Application from V.J. Scozzari & Sons for Block 50.30, Lot 63.02 200-300 Commons Way
- 2019-71 Resolution Refunding Unexpended Escrow Funds- Enclave to Pelican Court c/o Frank Coppotelli
- 2019-72 Resolution Approving Anthony Gorin as Holmdel Township Firefighter
- 2019-73 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes for 100% Disabled Veteran
- 2019-74 Resolution providing for the Transfer of Funding Between 2018 Current Appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-58
- 2019-75 Resolution Authorizing Trade In of Township Vehicles for the Purchase of a New Ambulance
- 2019-76 Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property
- 2019-77 Resolution Approving the Over \$3,500 List
- 2019-78 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Community Service Contribution Agreement with Bayshore Medical Center
- 2019-79 Resolution Denying the Release of the Performance Bond and Performance Cash Bond for Fleet Holmdel, LLC
- 2019-80 Resolution of Support Authorizing the Sustainable Jersey Grant Application

It was moved by Mr. Critelli, seconded by Mayor Hinds, and adopted on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Critelli, Nikolis, Pascucci and Mayor Hinds

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Buontempo

Introduction of Ordinances

Township Clerk Wendy L Patrovich read the following ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE 2019-03 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP.

A copy of this ordinance is attached hereto.

Ms. Patrovich requested a motion to adopt on first reading, publish in the Asbury Park Press, and set public hearing for Tuesday February 26, 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Hinds, seconded by Mr. Critelli, and approved on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Critelli, Nikolis, Pascucci and Mayor Hinds

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Buontempo

8. Hearing on Ordinances

- a. ORDINANCE 2019-01 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLMDEL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Township Clerk Wendy L. Patrovich stated that the ordinance was advertised in the Asbury Park Press with a public hearing scheduled for this meeting, in accordance with law.

Mayor Eric Hinds stated that this bond ordinance was budgeted for as part of the budget process that took place in 2018et. After the recreation improvements are approved, the Mayor noted that the major focus will be fire safety and anything else that can make the Township better and safer. He added that fire and recreation matters are both very important yet different issues.

Mayor Hinds opened the public hearing on the ordinance.

Jay Yanello- Ladwood Drive: Mr. Yanello stated that the bond ordinance funds should be appropriated for fire safety instead of recreation.

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Kimbery Turcello- Huntley Road: Ms. Turcello stated that inequality in female sports is and has always been an issue in not only Holmdel, but everywhere. The bond ordinance is important because it would allow the Girls' Softball program to continue to grow and thrive.

Gary Lewandowski- Galloping Hill: Mr. Lewandowski stated that he is the Softball Commissioner for HYAA and agrees that girls' sports have now been a priority in the past. He added that he is happy to see this bond ordinance finally going somewhere and looks forward to the improvements ahead.

Joe Schmidt- Apple Grove Drive: Mr. Schmidt stated that he believes the sports teams in town deserve these improvements.

Scott Goldstein- East Lawn Drive: Mr. Goldstein requested the specific projects that be included in the recreation improvements. He also stated that he has concerns about the upkeep of previous projects and suggested the use of pop up tents for dugouts.

Stacy Savage- McCampbell Road: Ms. Savage said that she lost her home to a fire and knows firsthand how huge the issue of fire safety is, but agrees that the issue of fire safety and recreation are two totally different things. She added that both of these are very important, and the kids of Holmdel deserve all of these improvements.

Kevin Buchannan- Randall Road: Mr. Buchannan stated that this year's lacrosse program already has 150 boys signed up, and 100 girls.

George Ennings- Stonehenge Drive: Mr. Ennings said that all of his children have and still do play sports for Holmdel. He stated that he believes sports are so important because they teach kids how to be part of a community and to work as a team. To go forward with this bond ordinance is the right thing to do.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Mayor Hinds closed the public hearing and requested a motion to adopt on final reading, and publish in the Asbury Park Press according to law. It was moved by Mr. Critelli, seconded by Mr. Hinds and carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hinds, Nikolis, Pascucci and Mayor Critelli

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Buontempo

Upon voting, Dr. Pascucci stated that the Township can do both recreation improvements as well as the fire safety updates that are needed. The money for this bond ordinance was budgeted for last year, and after the 2019 budget is approved the Township will be able to move forward with fire safety.

Mr. Critelli stated that he is happy to finally see this bond ordinance moving forward, and thanked everyone involved for all of their hard work.

b. ORDINANCE 2019-02 ORDINANCE APPROVING MINOR DIVERSION OF LAND LOCATED IN BLOCK 22, LOT 20.06 (3 SOUTH PARK COURT) IN ACCORDANCE WITH GREEN ACRES REGULATIONS

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Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hinds, Nikolis, Pascucci and Mayor Critelli

Nays: None

Abstentions: Buontempo

Absent: None

Departments

a. Administrator

None

b. Chief Financial Officer

None

Professional Reports

a. Attorney

None

b. Engineer

None

Boards/Committees

Dr. Pascucci said that in the month of January there were 80 EMS calls, 2,708 police calls, and 34 fire calls that were responded to. Township Administrator Donna Viero added that there was one new volunteer fire fighter on this agenda and they are expecting to have two more on the next meeting's agenda. The Township is also working with the Fire Company and the Fire Captain to prepare and disseminate information about fire safety and volunteering. They will be hosting open houses along with EMS, and are doing table top presentations. Lastly she added that the needed volunteers are not limited to firefighters, as there are lots of other things the residents can do to help. Mayor Hinds added that for example they need people to help out at the Fire House and to drive the firetrucks and ambulances.

Mayor Eric Hinds stated that he met with Scout leaders to discuss the Community Clean-Up Day that is being held on March 23rd. This will be held from 9-12 and individuals can volunteer any amount of time. He also said that he is working with the Chief of Police to see if they could potentially close Middletown Road to clean up that area as well. The Township is hosting a Tech Night at Bell Works on March 11th. There will be a presentation on the See, Click, Fix app, the Code Red emergency alert system, as well as other updates to the website and ways to stay connected.

Public Comment

Mayor Hinds opened the meeting to for public comment.

Jennie Blumenthal- Stoneybrook Road: Ms. Blumenthal asked the Mayor to confirm the date for the Tech Night at Bell Works. Mayor Hinds confirmed it is March 11th.

Jay Yanello- Ladwood Drive: Mr. Yanello said he looks forward to seeing the specifics of how the recreation bond would be spent. He also asked Dr. Pascucci to give a preview on what improvements will be done with recreation in the coming months. Dr. Pascucci stated that the main changes they would like to make are to establish a centrally located Fire House, and continue the volunteer recruitment efforts. They are also updating standards of procedures, and the new radios have already been approved. Mr. Yanello also asked when the road repairs on Holmdel Road will be completed. Township Engineer Bonnie Heard explained that it is a County road but she will reach out to them.

Brian Emma- Ladwood Drive: Mr. Emma stated that he is happy that this bond ordinance was passed for recreation but he believes that fire safety is more important. He added that he believes a paid Fire Department is the best solution.

Scott Goldstein- East Lawn Drive: Mr. Goldstein stated that he analyzed the core reports from dispatch for 2016-2017 and summarized the Fire Departments activity. He added that his report will be available to anyone who wishes to have a copy.

Randy Rauscher- Blue Hills Drive: Mr. Rauscher thanked the committee for the getting the fire study report out for the public. He thinks that there is a lot of talent and enthusiasm in town when it comes to potential for volunteers. He also asked if it were possible for fire fighters to receive a tax break. Mayor Hinds said this such a proposal is likely not feasible but the creative approach to incentivizing volunteers is greatly appreciated. Mr. Rauscher said that they will need a better fire house and state of the art equipment to really get the volunteers that we want.

Kim Turcello- Huntley Road: Ms. Turcello suggested that the committee could work with the High School Seniors to create a program where they could be involved in the volunteer Fire Department during school hours and be able to get class credits for their time. Mayor Hinds thanked her for the suggestion and added that it is something they are already looking into.

Jerry Buffalino- Barbaro Drive: Mr. Buffalino asked about the fitness park being installed in Cross Farm Park. Township Administrator Donna Vieiro stated that the Township has not officially decided where it will be installed, but it is free to the Township. The Township was approved for a \$30,000 grant to cover part of the total cost of \$70,000. The company that will

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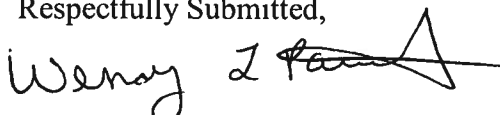
build and install it are fund raising the other \$40,000 to be able to give it to the Township free of charge.

Jason Dulo- Eagle Hill Road: Mr. Dulo said that if anyone wants to watch a video of the fitness park you can find it at nationalfitnesscampaign.com/watch.

Adjournment

Hearing no further comment from the public, a motion was made by Mayor Eric Hinds to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. It was carried by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wendy L Patrovich, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk

