REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

December 6, 2022 * 7:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to Order followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The Township Clerk read the Sunshine Notice Statement.

Sunshine Notice: This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law. Posting a copy of the Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and emailing a copy to the Atlantic City Press and Burlington County Times and all those requesting copies on January 6, 2022. All the above posting, filing & mailing have taken place on December 1, 2022.

Call of the Roll: Committeeman Gadd, Deputy Mayor Seybold and Mayor James.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 1, 2022 – Regular Minutes

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

ORDINANCE -PUBLIC COMMENTS - SECOND READING

Ordinance # 2022-06 – Establishing Provisions for Vacant & Abandoned Property

Mayor James opened for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Mayor James closed the public comments

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Ordinance # 2022-07 – Adding Chapter 280 – Lead-Based Paint Inspections

Mayor James opened for public comments.

Mayor James stated that this ordinance is State mandated.

Mayor James closed the public comments

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

RESOLUTIONS

Engineer Dixon – This is way over our estimate and maybe we should go out for bid again.

Resolution # 2022-51 – Award Contract – Municipal Building Parking Lot

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to REJECT the bids.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Resolution # 2022-52 – TABLED - Award Contract – 2021 & 2022 State Aid for Old Church Road – TABLED

Engineer Dixon – We have been waiting for more from DOT, I ask that we table this resolution.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to TABLE.

Roll Call: Gadd, Sevbold, James

Aves: 3 Navs: 0

Resolution # 2022-53 – Opposition of Any Paid Driving Permits in Wharton State Park Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Aves: 3 Navs: 0

Resolution # 2022-54 – Appointing Code Enforcement Officer-Henchy

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Committeeman Gadd introduced Robert Henchy as the new Code Enforcement Officer.

Resolution # 2022-55 – TABLED -Award Contract for Lead-Based Paint Inspections-TABLED

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd to Table.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Navs: 0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Seybold, seconded by Committeeman Gadd.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Aves: 3

Navs: 0

Aves: 3

REPORTS

Engineer – Old Church Road bids came in favorable and Mr. Dixon explained the process of the bid.

Mayor James – Why so high on the parking lot?

Mr. Dixon – It's a small job and only one bid was received.

CFO Manning – With regards to Phase III, we will need a Chapter 159 resolution.

On motion of Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold and carried to amend the agenda to add Resolution # 56 for the Chapter 159 in the amount of \$67,900.00 for Phase III of Old Church Road:

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Resolution # 2022-56 - Chapter 159 - Phase III Old Church Road

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James

Solicitor – Continuing to work with the Mayor.

CFO – Day to Day operations of the office.

Township Clerk – Day to Day operations; Vital Statistics and Monthly reports; Township Committee Agenda and Minutes; Issued Vital Statistic Records; Worked on Ordinances & Resolutions; Accepted RFP's for 2023; Attended Bid opening for Old Church Road & Municipal Parking Lot; Contacted Comcast – No cable; Election Day; Attended the League of Municipalities; Working on Gypsy Moth spraying for 2023; Helped various Residents with their questions; Re-organization Meeting will be held January 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Please wish Mayor James a Happy Birthday!!

Code Enforcement – No Report

OEM – No Report

Committee:

Committeeman Gadd – Senior Luncheon will be December 14th at 11:30 AM at Fred & Ethel's in Smithville. Welcome aboard Bob.

Deputy Mayor Seybold – Public Works – Painting over graffiti on Turtle Creek Road; picked up roadside trash; gravel Washington/Maxwell Road; Patten Lane & School Bus Turnaround; trimmed limbs on Cavileer Lane; Lovers Lane; Old Church Road, Bell Lane, Charles Avenue and Cut tree at Town Hall; Leaves were blown at Town Hall parking Lot, several times because of the acorns; put salt auger on truck & cleaned both garages at Maintenance yard and Tropical Storm Nicole, checking road.

Attended the League of Municipalities; got a verbal quote for the handicap ramp; I will be contacting another plumber for prices for a new boiler; the two mile stretch in Lower Bank was fixed by Atlantic County after I contacted them.

Mayor James –Attended the League of Municipalities; Attended Public Utilities Commission meeting regarding the upgrade of phone service, the lawsuit is still active. I'm going to the Pinelands meeting on Friday with regards to the cell tower. Meeting tomorrow with DEP regarding the permit needed on riding within Wharton State Park. Working on ordinances. Thank you everyone who voted. Happy Holiday.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Please state your name & address for the record)

Mayor James opened the meeting for Public Comment.

Barbara Cavileer, River Road, Lower Bank – We are getting another cell tower?

Mayor James – No

Ben Keating – Turtle Creek Road – There is more graffiti on Turtle Creek Road and we hope to get it fixed.

Barbara Cavileer – Can we work with Arawak and see if they can work with us on the parking lot?

Mr. Dixon explained the process to Mrs. Cavileer.

Mayor James closed the Public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - 7:37 PM

Motion made by Committeeman Gadd, seconded by Deputy Mayor Seybold.

Roll Call: Gadd, Seybold, James Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. Hand, Township Clerk