

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH
OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER

A Regular Meeting of Council of the Borough of South Toms River was held at the Borough Hall on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Those present were Mayor Champagne; Councilmen Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams. Also present Solicitor Tarver.

Absent: Councilmen Cradle, Murray

Notice of this meeting was given to the Asbury Park Press on December 6, 2012 and notices were posted on the bulletin boards in the Clerk's Office and Meeting Room on said date.

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the February 11, 2013 Public Hearing for CDBG Minutes.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the February 11, 2013 Caucus Meeting Minutes and the February 11, 2013 Closed Session Minutes.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Handshy seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the February 19, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes and the February 19, 2013 Closed Session Minutes.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

After the Mayor read the title of Ordinance #3-13, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO REFLECT COMPLIANCE WITH PINELANDS COMMISSION REGULATIONS", he then opened the floor to the public.

As there were no comments, the Mayor then closed the floor to the public.

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve Ordinance #3-13 on second reading:

#3-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER,
LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO REFLECT COMPLIANCE WITH
PINELANDS COMMISSION REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River Council has resolved to pursue certification of the Borough Master Plan and Land Use Ordinance for compliance with the Pinelands Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River Land Use Board adopted the Borough Master Plan in January 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River Borough Council desires to amend Articles V, and VI of the Borough Code, Land Development Regulations to reflect the changes which are

consistent with Pinelands Commission regulations, which amendments are outlined in the attached amended provisions Article V, Section 26-5, Article VI, Sections 26-20.2 (a) (3) and (4) and Article VI, Section 26-31.3; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River wishes to delete Article VII of the Borough Code Land Development Regulations, entitled “Pinelands Area Development Approval and Site Plan Requirements”, in its entirety,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Borough of South Toms River’s Borough Code Land Development Regulations shall be amended to reflect changes as outlined in the attached provisions; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance and any Code provisions inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other terms and conditions of the Borough Code of South Toms River, Land Use Regulations remain in full force and effect; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage and publication as provided by law.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

After the Mayor read the title of Ordinance #4-13, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 14-04 OF 2004 AND ORDINANCE 10-09 OF 2009 CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF CANINES AND CATS”, he then opened the floor to the public.

As there were no comments, the Mayor then closed the floor to the public.

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve Ordinance #4-13 on second reading:

#4-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 14-04 OF 2004 AND ORDINANCE 10-09 OF 2009 CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF CANINES AND CATS

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River adopted the “Number Limited; Condition of Quarters” provisions related to the Licensing of Canines by way of Ordinance Number 14-04 in 2004 and reflected in the Borough Code as Section 5-2.15; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River adopted the “Number Limited; Condition of Quarters” provisions related to the Licensing of Cats by way of Ordinance Number 10-09 in 2009 reflected in Borough Code as Section 5-11.9; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River wishes to amend the Ordinance 14-04 and the Borough Code to reflect that no more than five (5) dogs shall be sheltered in any house; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River wishes to amend the Ordinance 10-09 and the Borough Code to reflect that no more than five (5) cats shall be sheltered in any house; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments are outlined in the attached amended provisions 5-2.15 and 5-11.9; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Borough of South Toms River’s Borough Code shall be amended to reflect that no more than five (5) dogs shall be sheltered in any house; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Borough of South Toms River’s Borough Code shall be amended to reflect that no more than five (5) cats shall be sheltered in any house; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other terms and conditions of Ordinance 14-04 of 2004 and 10-09 of 2009 remain in full force and effect; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage and publication as provided by law.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following Tax Resolutions (2):

1.

WHEREAS, an overpayment of Taxes exist on the first quarter 2013 on Block 21.19 Lot 16 commonly known as 478 Colby St. in the amount of \$1,248.83.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Toms River that a check in the amount of \$1,248.83 to be issued to Kevin McCormack, 478 Colby Street, South Toms River, NJ 08757

2.

WHEREAS, the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #10-00001 on Block 4 Lot 12 assessed to Mulligan, Michael & Deborah has been made in the office of the Tax Collector and it is necessary to reimburse the lienholder.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Toms River that a check in the amount of \$24,235.37 to be issued to FNA Jersey Lien Services, LLC, 575 Route 70 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723 which represent the Redemption in the amount of \$23,135.37 and the Premium in the amount of \$1,100.00.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO ENLIST THE ROBERT L. TARVER, JR. TO PERFORM SERVICES AS LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River employs personnel who are members of labor unions, and

WHEREAS, those labor unions are subject to Collective Bargaining Agreements pursuant to the National Labor Relations Act and those Agreements must be negotiated between the parties, and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Tarver, Jr. has experience and expertise in providing these specific services as Labor Counsel, including but not limited to, the negotiation and drafting of Collective Bargaining Agreements and all phases of Representation of Management in Union related matters, and

WHEREAS, Borough Code authorizes the Borough Attorney to perform such services as additional work for an hourly fee as set forth in the contract between Robert L. Tarver, Jr. and the Borough of South Toms River,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of South Toms River approves the enlistment of the Robert L. Tarver, Jr. to act as Labor Counsel for the Borough of South Toms River.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO ENLIST THE LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT L. TARVER, JR. TO UPDATE THE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River provides employee personnel manuals for its' employees; and

WHEREAS, the manuals, which govern the terms and conditions of employment for the

borough employees, must be updated regularly to ensure compliance with current employment standards and expectations; and

WHEREAS, the Employee Personnel Manual for the Borough of South Toms River has been reviewed and found to be deficient in several key areas; and

WHEREAS, the Law Offices of Robert L. Tarver, Jr. has experience and expertise in providing these specific services, including but not limited to, the preparation of Employee Personnel Manuals and the applicable terms and conditions of employment, and

WHEREAS, Borough Code authorizes the Borough Attorney to perform such services as additional work for an hourly fee as set forth in the contract between Robert L. Tarver, Jr. and the Borough of South Toms River,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of South Toms River approves the enlistment of the Law Offices of Robert L. Tarver, Jr. to perform this special assignment services for the Borough.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Reevey, Sykes, Williams AGAINST: Handshy ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING S-2364/A-3553

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S-2364 and Assembly Bill A-3553 propose to create a system of early voting in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the goal of accommodating voters in pursuit of greater participation in the democratic process is a worthy goal; and

WHEREAS, these bills would, in reality, increase workloads, add more costs to the election process, and ultimately serve to confuse voters more than it would accommodate their needs; and

WHEREAS, these bill would require for each primary and general election a public facility, except a public school, located in each municipality in an area of high concentration of population to be open and available to registered voters starting 15 days before an election for early polling, possibly conflicting with, if not pushing out, other important uses for these buildings, causing inconvenience to residents; and

WHEREAS, these bills require the retraining of poll workers and dramatically increased hours, as well as chain of custody requirements to protect the voting process, despite the fact the recruiting and training poll workers is already a difficult process; and

WHEREAS, these bills would increase costs to municipalities, including overtime and holiday pay for workers; and

WHEREAS, although these bills allow municipalities to request reimbursement for extra costs and provide an appropriation, the appropriation does not outline a specific amount or dedicated funding, only that which the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting deem necessary, and they do not outline the procedure for a municipality whose reimbursement request is denied; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for "Early Voting" already exists in the State of New Jersey 45 days in advance of election through the "Vote by Mail" ballot process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that he Governing Body of the Borough of South Toms River in the County of Ocean does hereby oppose S-2364 and A-3553; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of South Toms River does hereby call upon the representatives in the State Legislature representing Ocean County to oppose the adoption of this bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Office of the Governor, Senate President Sweeney, Senators Gill and Whelan, sponsors of S-2364, Speaker Oliver, Assemblymen Wisniewski, Diegnan, Benson, Conway, and Coughlin, sponsors of A-3553, our State Senator and Assembly representative, the Ocean County Board of Elections, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities and all Ocean County Municipalities with an urgent request they join in the opposition of S-2364 and A-3553.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING NJ STATE LEGISLATURE BILLS A-2753 AND S-1923 REQUIRING DIRECT PAYMENT OF ENERGY TAXES TO MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities, and when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties and other entities, the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years, though, State officials have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to plug holes in the State budget and to fund State programs; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, municipalities lost \$331 million on combined Energy Tax and Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid (CMPTRA) funding in Fiscal Years 2009, 2010, and 2011, while also being denied scheduled incremental funding; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these cuts, in a number of municipalities property taxes are higher now, despite the fact that they are spending less, proving that the State's diversion of tax relief funding has contributed to higher municipal property taxes; and

WHEREAS, A-2753 sponsored by Assemblymen Daniel Benson and Wayne DeAngelo, and S-1923, sponsored by Senator Linda Greenstein, would restore the \$331 million in municipal property tax relief funding, ensure that each municipality will be restored to the 2007 (SFY 2009) Energy Tax Receipts/CMPTRA) level and adjust that amount to account for inflation; and

WHEREAS, these bills would require certain energy tax receipts to be paid directly to municipalities and thereby, would assure local property taxpayers compensation for hosting transmission facilities and lines that allow gas and electric energy corporations to serve customers and conduct business in our Garden State; and

WHEREAS, the time has come to restore to local budgets the millions in property tax relief that have been annually diverted to meet State needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Toms River, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Council does hereby salute those bill sponsors for listening to Mayors in their district and all around New Jersey and for advancing the legislation.
2. That the Mayor and Council does hereby enthusiastically support and urge our State Legislators to pass A-2753/S-1923
3. That certified copies of the resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, New Jersey Senate President Steve Sweeney, New Jersey Senate Republican Leader Thomas Kean, Jr., New Jersey Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, New Jersey Assembly Republican Leader Jon Brammick, District 9, 10, 12 and 30 Legislative members and all Ocean County Governing Bodies.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams for a resolution memorializing the Mayor's signature on the final voucher for the Lakeview Drive Road Improvements.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2013 TO APRIL 27, 2013 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

WHEREAS, the week of April 21 – April 27, 2013 has been so proclaimed National Volunteer Week in recognition of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) sponsored by the Ocean County Board of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the recognition focuses on “Celebrate Service”, which is a time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through service. The impact and power of volunteerism and service is an integral aspect of our civic leadership. It is a time to recognize individuals, families, nonprofit organizations and government entities and the tremendous impact they are making on our country’s most critical challenges year-round; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River recognizes the support given by volunteers to the needs of the communities of Ocean County, such as increasing the capacity of agencies and organizations to provide services, increasing the ability of recipients of service to lead more productive and independent lives and fostering the concept of service to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Toms River, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that it hereby proclaims the week of April 21 – 27, 2013 as National Volunteer Week and honors all of the volunteers of Ocean County for their outstanding service to the communities of Ocean County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Social Services, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, all County of Ocean municipalities, the Corporation for National Service, and all County of Ocean volunteer stations.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2013 AS “OLDER AMERICANS’ MONTH”

WHEREAS, the month of May 2013 has been designated throughout the nation as “Older Americans’ Month”; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year’s recognition is “Unleash the Power of Age” which celebrates the vitality and aspirations of older adults and their contributions to our communities; and

WHEREAS, older adults are productive, active, and influential members of society, sharing essential talents, wisdom, and life experiences with their families, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, it is valuable for older Americans to pass on and teach others the skills and knowledge they have honed over the years and it also encourages them to stay positive, active and looking forward; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Board of Social Services sponsors the Ocean County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, administers the Special Response Services to the Elderly Program, the Safe Housing and Transportation Program, and various other programs for seniors; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Ocean County deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Toms River, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that it proclaims the month of May as “Older Americans’ Month” and encourages our older citizens to pass on the skills and knowledge they have honed over the years to others.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following resolution:

BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River, through the Mayor and Council has authorized the hiring of William E Gleason for the FEMA Grant administrator, and
WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to establish salary and wages for said employee;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the following individual be and they are hereby appointed to the positions set forth above and at the salaries set forth herein;

Deputy Coordinator William E Gleason FEMA projects administrator \$25.00 per hour

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to;

South Toms River Office of Emergency Management
Elizabeth Silvestri, Borough Clerk
Steven Gallagher, CFO

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING S-2368 REQUIRING SHORE COMMUNITIES THAT ACCEPT FEDERAL BEACH AID TO PROVIDE FREE BEACH ACCESS AND COMFORT FACILITIES

WHEREAS, shore communities have had the ability to sell beach tags since the 1970's; and
WHEREAS, revenues from beach tag sales have been dedicated to the public health, safety and welfare of beach goers such as cleaning and maintaining beaches and public restrooms as well as lifeguards; and

WHEREAS, beach tag programs provide jobs for students and senior citizens as well as factory jobs to manufacture the tags; and

WHEREAS, beach fees are users fees created to offset the cost to the taxpayers and are enforced during beach-going hours only, all other times beaches are 100% free; and

WHEREAS, many Municipalities welcomed and accepted legislation to allow for free beach tags for active members Armed Forces and Senior Citizens and continue to champion free tags for our veterans; and

WHEREAS, Federal beach re-nourishment is primarily a means of protection through dune stabilization to local homes and businesses from storm surges; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation does not consider the tax impact to shore communities if beach tag revenues are lost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Toms River, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that they strongly oppose any legislation that would remove a beach tag user fee and put the burden of beach public health, safety and welfare onto the taxpayers of the Municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be sent to the following officials: Governor Chris Christie, Senators Sweeney and Doherty, Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf, Assemblywoman DiAnn C. Gove, Senator Christopher Connors, Senate Secretary, Clerk of the General Assembly and all Ocean County Municipalities.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Handshy seconded by Councilman Williams granting permission for the First Baptist Church of Toms River to utilize Mathis Plaza on Sunday, March 31, 2013 for their Annual Easter Sunrise Service.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Handshy seconded by Councilman Williams granting permission for the Presbyterian Church of Toms River to utilize Crabbe Point on Sunday, March 31, 2013 for their Annual Easter Sunrise Service.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to accept the resignation of Jessica Jenkins, Municipal Court Administrator, effective April 12, 2013.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

Mayor appoints Councilmen Reevey and Williams to the panel to interview the prospective Municipal Court Administrators

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Sykes to appoint Debbi Randolph as Municipal Alliance Coordinator.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

Mayor appoints Lisa Scofield to the Planning Board as an Alternate member.

Mayor Champagne created the following committees:

Health First Advisory Board – Dr. Ripley, Chairman; Chief Krohn, member
South Toms River Culture & Heritage Committee – Oscar Cradle, Chairman
Anti-Violence Task Force – Dr. Ripley, Chairman
South Toms River Agricultural Advisory Board – Frank Cipriani, Chairman

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the March voucher list in the amount of \$413,913.63 in accordance with the certification provided by the Chief Financial Officer and attested to by the Chief Financial Officer.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve a resolution designating the Times-Beacon Newspaper as a secondary source of publication under the “Open Public Meetings Act”.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

Monthly reports were given by each Councilman in their respective departments.

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve Ordinance #5-13 on first reading:

CALENDAR YEAR 2013
ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45-14)

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

“2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCTION”

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the 2013 Municipal Budget in the amount of \$4,060,467.44 on introduction. The public hearing for the 2013 Municipal Budget will be held on April 15, 2013.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

Public Comments:

Ernest Hemmann, 8 Dartmouth Drive – Tax Collector retiring at the end of the month. Court Clerk is resigning.

Cecelia Horne, 13 Bucknell Drive – Would like to use Mathis Plaza for an event on Saturday. Earth Day is April 27th.

Sandford Ross, 16 Hummel Drive – Thanked the Governing Body on behalf of the Presbyterian Church. Thank the Governing Body on behalf of Debbi from the Alliance. Borough should advertise all their activities on the website. There is a lot of bulk in the Third District out and a lot of recycling. Is the Code Enforcer out looking?

Mayor Champagne read the letter from the Tax Collector regarding her retirement which is effective as of March 31, 2013.

At this time, the Mayor gave his annual “State of the Borough” address.

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams to enter into Executive Session.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

Record will reflect that Councilman Reevey is back on the podium.

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams for a resolution stating that all items for the agenda must be submitted on the Thursday prior to that month’s Caucus Meeting and that any items submitted after that day will go on the following month’s agenda.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Williams for a resolution authorizing the voucher for the lettering on the new robotic garbage truck and the Mason dump truck in the amount of \$550.00.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Sykes for a resolution approving the Public Works Contract.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Sykes seconded by Councilman Williams to adjourn this meeting.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams
ABSENT: Cradle, Murray

Approved:

Joseph M. Champagne, Jr., Mayor

Elizabeth Silvestri, Clerk