

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 26, 2013, 7:00 PM**

STATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

STATEMENT: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Laws 1975, Chapter 231. The Agenda for this meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press, in addition a copy of notice is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk on September 20, 2013.

II. ROLL CALL

	Cradle	Handshy	Murray	Reevey	Sykes	Williams	Champagne
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent							

Mayor Champagne open the floor up for any questions from Council.

Councilman Cradle asked the Municipal CFO, Steve Gallagher, for a comparison to other towns and how our score reflects with needed improvement and our overall status as a municipality.

Councilman Gallagher stated that the town is in good status and has complied with all State Statute. Each municipality is different either due to Government form and/or funding. There are ways to increase the score, however it would not reflect in additional funding since the Borough has complied with all necessary points to ensure full funding.

Councilman Murray and Mayor Champagne asked what those steps would be to increase the Checklist score.

Mr. Gallagher stated that there are ways to mandate Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for all Governing Body members. He recognized that most already pursue these, and therefore passing a Resolution mandating this aspect more procedural.

Councilman Handshy stated that he believed the Pay was removed during former negotiations. Mr. Gallagher concurred with his statement, and Councilman Handshy asked for a correction on the Checklist.

Councilman Sykes concurred with Mr. Handshy and stated he also believes Longevity Pay was cancelled, and was followed by full Governing Body consent.

Mr. Gallagher assured him of this correction and the increase in Checklist score.

III. Best Practices Inventory Checklist

RESOLUTION 2013-191 CERTIFYING REVIEW OF THE 2013 BEST PRACTICES CHECKLIST

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Cradle	x			
		Handshy	x			
	x	Murray	x			
		Reevey	x			
		Sykes	x			
		Williams	x			

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Mayor opened the floor up for public comments. Seeing none, public comment was closed.
Councilman Cradle motioned for Adjournment
Seconded by Councilman Murray and unanimous consent of the Governing Body.

VI. ADJOURNMENT at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Acting Municipal Clerk

Approved

Joseph M. Champagne, Mayor

Joseph A. Kostecki, Acting Municipal Clerk

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