

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

A Regular Caucus Meeting of Council of the Borough of South Toms River was held at the Borough Hall on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

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

Absent: Councilman Cradle

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.

Mayor Champagne went over the agenda for the meeting of April 15, 2013, which is as follows: Moment of silence, Salute to flag, Notice of meeting, Roll call, Approval of the following minutes:, Ordinances (Public Hearing), Resolutions, Permission, Appointments, Reading & approval of vouchers for payment, Other business, Monthly reports, Correspondence, Public Comments, Executive Session, Adjournment.

Mayor Champagne introduced Dan Simmons, a pianist, to the children present at the meeting.

At this time, Mayor Champagne presented certificates to the following "Students of the Month" from South Toms River Elementary School for the month of March: Zechariah Williams, Aidan Miller, Samantha Campanille, Chrystian Kozak, Gianna Jacobs, Jaden Brodie, Elizabeth Tschirpke, Jada Wright, Mason Pyle, Mea Applegate, Anthony Montes Ponce, Tatiana Artis, Jamel Chase, Yadhira Flores, Mikayla Rosser, Ryan Svenson, Brian Fort, Emily Hanson, Dossy Felts, Sheridan Mauraud.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray seconded by Councilman Sykes to enter into a brief recess.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Murray seconded by Councilman Reevey granting permission for the U.S. Submarine Veterans Jersey Shore Base and Boy Scout Troop 150 to do an Eagle Scout Service Project to restore and beautify the U.S. Submarine Veterans' Memorial located at Mathis Plaza on April 20 and April 21, 2013.

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

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, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams ABSENT: Cradle

Mayor Champagne stated that there were dead tree branches that need to be cleaned up at the playground on Center Street.

Clerk Silvestri to have Public Works pick up the branches at the playground on Center Street and to pick up bags of litter.

Councilman Handshy stated that the Borough needs to update the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinances. Also, Mayor and Council are receiving lists of items for public

auction. Thinking of Friday, May 24, 2013 or Friday May 31, 2013 for the auction. Monday, May 27, 2013 is Memorial Day. Maybe go for May 31.

Councilman Williams stated that on Thursday, March 28, 2013, United Water Co. checked the Borough's water meter to be sure it was working correctly. It didn't need to be changed. Back at the Recreation Building, took cinder blocks and put them in different areas.

Mayor Champagne stated, "I just wanted to bring up that there's this landscaping company locally, Robert Ott Landscaping. They are proposing to beautify the open lot that is across from Planet Fitness and I understand that this is not Borough property. It's mostly owned by, I believe its Dover Oil, according to our Zoning Officer. We do have a segment, which is very small, a portion of that lot that is owned by the Borough. The question is would the Council be amenable to allow this outfit to beautify the area belonging to the town or both?"

Councilman Murray stated, "They have the information from the people who own the other part of the property. Is this that strip between Flint Road and Route 166? What are they planning to put in there because remember you have the traffic that you have to deal with and I believe it's County roads there. If they want to beautify it, that's fine. But I don't want them to put up big bushes so people can't see. We'll have an issue. 'Why'd you put them there?' 'Well, they look beautiful.' Yeah, but they don't look beautiful now. I can't see around the corner.' You have to watch what you plant there."

Mayor Champagne stated, "The other issue, too, is that it's not necessarily our road, which is a valid point. They will have to bring this before the County, really, to ascertain whether or not there would be any interference with the traffic. I think the proper action is for them to spell out exactly what they want to put in there and we'll take it from there."

Public Comments:

Sandford Ross, 16 Hummel Drive – Thank you on behalf of the Presbyterian Church. Councilman Cradle's mother passed away. It was a beautiful service. Summer Camp.

Mayor Champagne stated that he would like to have a Founder's Day next month.

William Gleason, 19 Long Drive – When are we going to get the recycling cans?

A motion was made by Councilman Williams seconded by Councilman Sykes to enter into Closed Session.

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

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

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

Approved:

Joseph M. Champagne, Jr., Mayor

Elizabeth Silvestri, Clerk