

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2014, 7:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of South Toms River was held at the Borough Hall on Monday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m

Moment of silence

Mayor Joseph Champagne observed the moment of silence and Chaplain Douglas Ripley provided prayer remembering those who lost their lives in the Haiti earthquake four years ago. A musical selection was played following Chaplain Ripley's blessing.

Salute to flag

Mayor Joseph Champagne led the flag salute

Mayor Champagne thanked all in attendance and spoke to those students and families, encouraging them to continue their support of their children.

Susan McCabe, Mayor of Barnegat Township, was introduced by the Mayor, and spoke about her background and the need for hard work and dedication to education. She further encouraged the students in attendance to strive on their school work and to be the best they can be.

Mayor Champagne and Mayor McCabe distributed the Student of the Month certificates to all students in attendance.

A short recess was motioned by Councilman Cradle and seconded by Councilman Murray for a brief recess, approved with unanimous consent.

The Governing Body voted unanimously to enter back into session and the Municipal Clerk proceeded with Roll Call.

Roll Call:

Present:	Councilmen: Oscar Crale, Gregory Handshy, Edward Murray, Ernest Reevey, William Gleason, and Mayor Champagne
Absent:	Mosley

Notice of meeting:

Joseph Kostecki, Municipal Clerk read the following statement; This meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press on January 5, 2014: 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandy Ross, 16 Hummel Dr. provided updates for the OPTimist Club which will hold its next meeting this coming week at 6:30 @ Midtown Pizza. He stated this organization is a Civic organization for youth and surrounding area. Their upcoming poetry contest will provide scholarships for students.

Ernest Hemmann, 8 Dartmouth Drive, stated the upcoming Historical Society meeting on the 23rd is a great idea and thanked Councilman Cradle for hosting this. Councilman Cradle thanked Mr. Hemman in response and stated this will be the first meeting.

Mayor Champagne thanked Mr. Hemman for underscoring the Historical Society meeting, and further thanked Councilman Cradle for providing this meeting and society and educating the public on the Borough's rich history.

Tom Rolzhausen, 420 Applegate Avenue asked if the ordinances on the agenda were to be voted on. The Municipal Clerk stated they are to be voted on next meeting.

Seeing no other public comments, Public Comment was closed.

The Municipal Clerk stated the following minutes will be on the agenda for next week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 9	Caucus meeting
December 9	Closed Session
December 16	Council Meeting
December 16	Closed Session
January 1, 2014	Reorganization
January 1, 2014	Closed Session
January 7, 2014	Special Meeting
January 7, 2014	Closed Session

ORDINANCES:

The Municipal Clerk stated that the following Ordinances have been advertised and a second reading will be held at the next meeting.

Ordinance 14-13 Establishing Home offices (second reading)

Ordinance 15-13 Allowance of Special Events (second reading)

Ordinance 16-13 Taxi/Autocab/Limousine (second reading)

- Ordinance 17-13 Pawn Shop (second reading)
- Ordinance 18-13 Billiard Parlors (second reading)
- Ordinance 1-14 Amending Chapter Twenty-Six of the Borough Code to Eliminate Appeals from the Land Use Board to the Governing Body (Second Reading)

RESOLUTIONS

The Municipal Clerk read through the titles of all Resolutions. Mr. Kostecki stated that there were two time-sensitive resolutions that the Governing Body should consider voting on today. Sandy Ross requested Resolution 2014-51 be voted on tonight. Mr. Kostecki asked for votes on both Resolution 2014-52 and Resolution 2014-53.

- Resolution 2014 Authorizing a contract with Earle Asphalt for Applegate Avenue Improvements
- Resolution 2014-52 Authorizing a contract with Maser Consulting for the Preparation of a Strategic Recovery Planning Report
- Resolution 2014-51 Execute Municipal Alliance Agreement
- Resolution 2014 Approving Professional Services Agreements for 2014

The Municipal Clerk stated that the Borough has received the majority of all Professional Services agreements. This resolution will allow the Municipal Clerk and/or Mayor to execute the agreements as they come in so that there isn't a need for individual resolutions. Also, this will allow them to be executed without waiting until the February meeting for any agreements received after the January meeting. He further stated that Bond Counsel would like their own resolution.

Council President Murray asked for clarification.

Mr. Kostecki said the resolution for Professional Services agreements were not to be voted on tonight, and that only the agreements approved by the Governing Body for 2014 Professional Services would be executed, and the content of the agreement (prices) would remain the same as approved by the Governing Body.

- Resolution 2014 Authorizing an application for NJEDA Stronger NJ Neighborhood and Community Revitalization Program -Streetscape Revitalization Program - Round 2

Chris Theodos, Borough Engineer stated the this deadline is approaching prior to the next meeting and if the Governing Body would like to be considered for this grant, a vote must be passed tonight.

Councilman Cradle asked for a brief explanation of this grant.

Mr. Theodos stated that this grant will provided needed improvements that are consistent with the Borough’s Master Plan, allowing improvement to streetscape, curbing and sidewalks along Route 166, shadetree, and lighting.

Resolution 2014 Authorizing legal services agreement for Bond Counsel with John Hudak

Councilman Handshy stated that he provided a walk-on resolution allowing the Submarine Veterans to continue using Borough Hall for their monthly meetings.

Mayor Champagne stated he would support that resolution.

The Municipal Clerk asked for votes on the previously requested Resolutions

Resolution 2014-51 Execute Municipal Alliance Agreement

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Cradle	x			
		Gleason			x	
		Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
	x	Murray	x			
		Reevey	x			

Resolution 2014-52 Authorizing a contract with Maser Consulting for the Preparation of a Strategic Recovery Planning Report

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
	x	Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
		Murray	x			
		Reevey	x			

Resolution 2014-53 Authorizing an application for NJEDA Stronger NJ Neighborhood and Community Revitalization Program -Streetscape Revitalization Program - Round 2

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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	x	Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
		Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
		Murray	x			
x		Reevey	x			

CONSENT AGENDA/PERMISSION

The below listed items are considered to be routine by the Borough of South Toms River and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Resolution 2014 Requesting Ocean County lower the speed limit on Dover Road
The Municipal Clerk requested assistance from Councilman Handshy on specific speed limits to present to the County.

Resolution 2014 Approving Towers for 2014

Resolution 2014 Approving a Coin Toss for South Toms River First Aid Squad on July 12, 2014 and November 1, 2014 at the Corner of Dover Road and Double Trouble

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Champagne appointed Lisa Scofield to the Land Use Board as a Class II member.
Mayor Champagne appointed Marvin Sykes to the Land Use Board as Alternate 1.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seeing no public comments, the mayor closed public comment.

Mayor Champagne stated he will be speaking at the Strand Theatre in Lakewood on Martin Luther King Day. He subsequently motioned for Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2014 Approving the Governing Body to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion Personnel and Collective Bargaining

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
		Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
	x	Murray	x			
		Reevey	x			

The Governing Body entered back into session with unanimous consent.

Solicitor Tarver stated that as a result of Executive Session, there is a motion to hire Timothy Noel to a position in Public Works on a temporary basis and to fill a position temporarily vacant position.

Resolution 2014-55 Authorizing the hiring of Timothy Noel Sr for a full-time position in the Department of Public Works

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
		Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
		Murray	x			
x		Reevey	x			

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
		Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
x		Murray	x			
		Reevey	x			

ADJOURNMENT at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Municipal Clerk

Approved

Joseph M. Champagne, Mayor

Joseph A. Kostecki, RMC
Municipal Clerk