

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
MINUTES OF REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 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, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Joseph Champagne observed a moment of silence and led the Flag Salute.

STATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Clerk read the Public Notice: This meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press on December 14, 2013; 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.

ROLL CALL:

	Cradle	Gleason	Handshy	Mosley	Murray	Reevey	Champagne
Present	x	x	x	x	x		x
Absent						x	

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Champagne stepped down from the dais to speak to attendees and present pr. He stated this night is important as the borough recognizes the valiant efforts of the police force and to recognize their efforts. He noted that their actions are furthered by their love and care for South Toms River. This proclamation is s token of appreciation for their accomplishments and recognizing what they have done. The case was a difficult hit and run case however the police force solved the case in cooperation with the County. Mayor Champagne further stated that these proclamations recognize the efforts of the police but also to the families who continually support them. The Mayor subsequently read the following proclamation and handed them out to the following officers: Detective Kosh, Detective Ally, along with instrumental support of Patrolman Michael Schneidt, Patrolman Brian Corvinus, Patrolman Jason Prior and Patrolman Anthony Giacinti, Sergeant Timothy Meier and Chief Andrew Izatt.

**PROCLAMATION EXPRESSING THANKS TO AND RECOGNIZING THE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER POLICE OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the Borough of South Toms River play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities,

hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the Borough of South Toms River Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2013, the South Toms River Police Department responded to the area of Dover Road and Chamberlain Street in response to a hit and run accident involving a pedestrian; and

WHEREAS, the unfortunate result of the aforementioned incident resulted in the untimely death of a resident of South Toms River, and an investigation was initiated to apprehend the driver who had left the scene of the accident; and

WHEREAS, Detective William Kosh along with Detective Craig Ally of the Ocean County Prosecutor Office worked tirelessly to solve this case and bring closure for the victim's family; and

WHEREAS, Detective Kosh, Detective Ally, along with instrumental support of Patrolman Michael Schneidt, Patrolman Brian Corvinus, Patrolman Jason Prior and Patrolman Anthony Giacinti, assisted in locating and eliminating several key suspects and vehicles, and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Timothy Meier and Chief Andrew Izatt provided a support system that was crucial in the day to day operations for a fully coordinated effort; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, Detective Kosh and Detective Ally arrested and charged a suspect with vehicular homicide, leaving the scene of an accident and tampering with evidence; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of all officers involved in this investigation far exceeds those standards normally described as exemplary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, I, Joseph M. Champagne Jr., Mayor of the Borough of South Toms River, New Jersey hereby call upon all citizens of our community and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the tireless efforts of our law enforcement community, and to join in recognition of the law enforcement officers who acted above and beyond their duties to bring this incident to justice, and to further proclaim appreciation for all past and present law enforcement officers, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and

enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens of the Borough of South Toms River.

Honorable Joseph M. Champagne, Jr.
Mayor

Mayor Champagne thanked Police Chief Andrew Izatt for his leadership. He further mentioned that Detective Kosh was promoted approximately one month before the hit and run incident, and stated that crime has gone down in South Toms River, and that is a testament of the involvement of our police force and the improvement of South Toms River, especially those who are considering moving to South Toms River. This borough is becoming a good and humble place to raise a family.

Chief Andrew Izatt thanked the Mayor and Governing Body for the presentation and honoring of all involved officers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandy Ross- Municipal Alliance will be having their monthly Senior program and meeting this upcoming Sunday. The Optimist Club essay contest is coming to a close. Additionally, there are providing a \$500 scholarship to a college-bound high-school senior. The Recreation Commission, Optimist Club and Municipal Alliance had their Valentine’s Day Dance which 80 to 90 people attended, most were elementary students. The event was a success and thanked everyone’s assistance.

Kevin McCormack thanked all who attended the RERP training course. March 13th is the next Night Drill. February 26th will be the day drill. Mr. McCormack mentioned that he is trying to setup a training date with the teachers, who are required to take this course as part of providing transportation. He provided a budget request to the Governing Body and Municipal Clerk for upcoming budget meetings. The 966 has been approved. This must be ordered by April and this will be fully refunded once the money comes back but it must be ordered first. Mayor Champagne stated he would like to meet with Mr. McCormack in the next week. Mr. McCormack thanked the Governing Body.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 13, 2014 and Executive Session

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

b. January 27, 2014 and Executive Session

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

c. January 31, 2014 and Executive Session

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

4. ORDINANCES

Amending Ord. 2-14 so as to correct legal form and effective dates.

Borough Attorney, Guy Ryan, stated there were minor amendments which does not require republishing.

This is a motion to amend Ordinance 2-14.

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

Ordinance 2-14 Establishing Home offices (Second reading)

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title and opened the Public Hearing for Second Reading.

Seeing no comments, the public hearing was closed

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

Ordinance 3-14 Allowance of Special Events (Second reading)

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title and opened the Public Hearing for Second Reading.

Seeing no comments, the public hearing was closed

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			

		Handshy	x			
x		Mosley	x			
	x	Murray	x			
		Reevey				x

Ordinance 4-14 Taxi/Autocab/Limousine (Second reading)

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title and opened the Public Hearing for Second Reading. Seeing no comments, the public hearing was closed

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

Ordinance 5-14 Pawn Shop (Second reading)

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title and opened the Public Hearing for Second Reading. Seeing no comments, the public hearing was closed

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

Ordinance 6-14 Billiard Parlors (Second reading)

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance by title and opened the Public Hearing for Second Reading. Seeing no comments, the public hearing was closed

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

Ordinance 7-14 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 6 to Prohibit the Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Underage Persons on Private Property (First reading)

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

		Reevey				x
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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2014-74 Resolution to Adopt Notice of Tort Claim Form

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

Resolution 2014-87 Approving a Professional Services contract with Guy Ryan for Borough Attorney

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

Resolution 2014-88 Opposing the privatization of Toll Collection Services on the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway

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

Resolution 2014-89 Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property
 Council President Murray asked if there was a minimum bid for the auction. The Municipal Clerk stated there will be a \$300 minimum bid for each vehicle being auctioned.

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

Resolution 2014-90 Authorizing the execution of a Schedule C Agreement with Ocean County Road Department

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

Resolution 2014-91 Approving the 2014 Safety Contract with Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

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

Resolution 2014-92 Establishing a Safety Committee
The following is a motion to table until after meeting with the Ocean County JIF

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

Resolution 2014-93 Authorizing an Agreement with the South Toms River First Aid Squad Borough Attorney stated there was a presentation on this from First Aid Chief Krohn. Council President Murray requested this be tabled for further review

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

Resolution 2014-94 Approving 2 Coin Tosses for Manitou Park Vol Fire Company No. 1

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Cradle	x			
	x	Gleason	x			

		Handshy	x			
		Mosley	x			
x		Murray	x			
		Reevey				x

Resolution 2014-95 Tax Lien Redemptions

Borough Attorney stated that the individual Tax Lien Redemptions will be combined for one resolution for passage.

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

Resolution 2014-96 Recognizing February as Black History Month

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

Resolution 2014-97 Recognizing Read Across America

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

Resolution 2014-98 Authorizing the execution of the Teamsters Local 97 Contract

Councilman Gleason and Councilwoman Mosley requested copies of the contract which was discussed last year.

Councilman Cradle asked to table this resolution so that new council members may review the contract. The motion is to table.

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

		Reevey				x
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Resolution 2014-100 Resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2013
Recycling Tonnage Grant

Councilman Cradle stated this is a resolution that is approved each year to apply for the tonage grant

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

Resolution 2014-105 Approval of emergency restoration services to repair structural
damages at the Recreation Building

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

APPOINTMENTS

The Municipal Clerk stated that this new appointment of a Safety Coordinator/Training Administrator should be tabled until after a roundtable meeting with the County JIF.

Mayor Champagne requested that Councilman William Gleason be reappointed to the Sewerage Authority. Borough Attorney Guy Ryan requested confirmation from the Municipal Clerk on Sewerage Authority appointments. Borough Clerk stated that Sewerage Authority appointments need be proposed by Council; different from other appointments.

Mayor Champagne requested a motion to appoint Councilman Gleason to the Sewerage Authority, term ending 2/2014, and up for reappointment on 2/2019

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

South Toms River Sewerage Authority Members and Terms

William Gleason	Chairman Commissioner	2/2014
Andrew Howard	Vice Chair Commissioner	2/2017
David Engelhardt	Secretary	2/2015
Marvin Sykes	Treasurer	2/2016
William Britton	Asst. Treasurer	2/2018

VOUCHERS

Resolution 2014-99

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the bill list. Councilman Cradle offered the Bill List to attendees if they would like to review it as well. Seeing no questions, the Governing Body proceeded.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Municipal Clerk stated that last week’s presentation from a Records Management consultant was the first step in protecting the Borough’s records. He further stated that since the cost may be exceedingly costly, and since this project would have to go out to bid if the Governing Body so chooses to pursue this project, it may be in the Governing Body’s best interest to draft and advertise for an RFP. As further explained, since the Governing Body does not have to accept any offered RFPs, this would bring further clarity from multiple perspectives as to the scope and cost of the records project.

Councilman Cradle, stated that since the Borough does not have to accept any of the RFPs, and he recognizes that this is something that will have to eventually be done, he is favorable in advertising for an RFP.

Mayor Champagne stated he also favors advertising for an RFP incase there is an audit and to protest Borough records.

Borough Attorney, Mr. Ryan, requested clarification from the CFO as to whether this type of project would be able to be bonded. Mr. Gallagher, CFO, stated he would reach out to Bond Counsel. Mr. Ryan asked the Borough Engineer if he could provide any project costs as many engineers provide a scope estimate that is usually included in the RFP advertisement. Mr. Ryan stated that he will ensure the RFP does not curtail the RFP project to one particular vendor.

The Municipal Clerk stated that J&S provided a presentation as to a proposed Public Works Security System. There was no movement following this presentation.

Councilman Handshy asked if this can be done in piecemeal so that the Borough doesn't have to front all of the costs all at once. Mr. Ryan stated that the contract could not be extended to usurp the bid threshold, but this project may be able to be done piecemeal.

Resolution 2014-104 Authorizing the advertisement for a records management Request for Professionals.

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

Mr. Ryan, stated that in response to a Lakeview Crossings, the borough has provided snow plowing and garbage and recycling services in the past. The Borough Municipal Services Act, which requires municipalities to either provide services or payment in lieu of services to private communities that meet certain criteria. Mr. Ryan has sent a letter to the new owner stating that any past practices were as a courtesy.

The Borough Clerk informed the Governing Body that Nixle has approved the municipality to use this service, which provides community alerts to the neighborhood and anyone who registers to the service. Residents can receive text and email alerts, and this service is free of charge.

Mr. Ryan, Borough Attorney stated that many state agencies use this service.

Resolution 2014-102 Authorizing the Borough to use Nixle as an official communication service

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

Mayor Champagne stated that he noticed the County Engineering Department placed two signs up on Chamberlain street, and thanks the county for their expedient response. Mayor Champagne met with the engineer and county to ensure this was facilitated.

Councilman Murray stated he wished this would've been done at an earlier date, and Mayor Champagne

agreed.

MONTHLY COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Cradle informed the residents of developments with the Recycling Committee. There are requirements. They are looking to improve the recycling rate which stands about 50%. One development was with the Environmental Commission, who will be coordinating an Earth Day on April 26th at the Recreation Center. All environmentally conscious groups are welcome to have a table. At this event, they hope to have a company who will collect electronic for disposal. The Municipal Alliance also has a prescription drop-off who will also be present. He stated that he looks forward to having a day to celebrate Mother Earth.

Councilman Handsby stated the meeting with the Recycling Committee was productive, and thanked the Recycling Committee. Councilman Handsby stated he is looking forward to a successful Earth Day and look forward to working with the Recreation Commission and Municipal Alliance, and Optimist Club for the event, as the upcoming program will be beneficial for the residents of South Toms River.

Council President Murray stated he attended the South Toms River First Aid Squad Installation Dinner. He had a chance to speak with the Fire Department Chief to see their needs for the year. He will be attending meetings to ensure an open stream of communication and need. The Council President further thanked Public Works for their work and the fantastic job they did for the residents of South Toms River during the past few winter storms.

Mayor Champagne thanked the Environmental Commission for their work and is excited about the upcoming Earth Day and its success. He also attended South Toms River First Aid Squad Installation Dinner and showed the audience the plaque given to the Borough by the First Aid Squad which reads "In Grateful appreciation of your support". The Mayor stated that the effort of monthly awards for students who work for good grades, or follow direction or behave in class. The past monthly awards given to students is an event that is cherished by the community. Other parents are wondering about the schools in South Toms River are noticing these types of events, and have been reaching out to inquire on facebook. The entire community is involved to make sure the children learn and have an environment for the children to learn. He thanked the employees of South Toms River, for keeping the Borough afloat and improving the Borough with new ways to service the residents of South Toms River. Next week, the Mayor will have a meeting with the County Engineer, with the Clerk and Borough Engineer. He encouraged residents and Council to reach out to the Mayor to voice any concerns or suggestions.

Councilman Gleason stated the Buildings and Ground Committee is looking into replacing lights in town with new LED lighting. The price of LED has come down so that when you are replacing a sodium ballast bulb the LED is just as inexpensive., and these changes will knock off two-thirds of electricity costs. This will be for Borough-owned lights. The Mayor asked if there are plans to paint the Recreation Building, and the Councilman stated this is planned for Spring. The Councilman stated there is nothing in the budget for this but hopes for donations to paint the outside of the building. The wall in need of repair is on the side of the ball field, and this is a long, slow process.

Mayor Champagne stated that the past four years, the Monmouth Superior Court has asked him to play different roles: Thurgood Marshall and others. This year, they asked him to play Nelson Mandela and he will be playing this role this coming Saturday at the Monmouth Superior Court.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eleanor Buoncristiano, 442 Applegate, stated she would like to know if the new outreach technologies will benefit those who don't use the computer as much as others. The Municipal Clerk stated the Borough will continue to use as many communication tools as possible in order to reach residents. The robo calls will continue as well as the website, facebook, and Nixle service.

Mary, 112 Attison, stated she was trying to reach someone at Borough Hall for dog license. The Municipal Clerk stated she can come in and we will have to confirm the vaccination proof in order to provide the license.

Seeing no other public comments, Public Comment was closed and the Mayor asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2014- 101 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				

Out of Executive Session, the following resolution was introduced.

Resolution 2014-103 Authorizing the hiring of Warren Baskerville for a full-time, temporary position in the Department of Public Works

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

With unanimous consent, the Governing Body adjourned at 8:55pm

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Municipal Clerk

Approved

Joseph M. Champagne, Mayor

Joseph A. Kostecki, RMC
Municipal Clerk