

BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING
June 9, 2014, 7:00 PM

Mayor Champagne started the meeting at 7:10pm, thanked all in attendance, and introduced the first Mayor For A Day, Emily Cushing.

Emily Cushing led the Moment of Silence and Flag Salute

The Municipal Clerk read the State of 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.

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

There was a request to excuse Councilwoman Mosley due to Medical reasons

First: Councilman Murray Second: Councilman Gleason

The motion passed council and Attorney consent.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Champagne spoke, recognizing first responders who provide a sense of peace and security to our town through their sacrifice and dedication to our town. He stated you are the ones who make children and Mayors feel safe in our town. We can not thank you enough, or express our gratitude enough, and this is a small token of our appreciation.

Mayor Champagne and Mayor For a Day, Emily Cushing proceeded to distribute proclamations to the Manitou Park Fire Company and STR First Aid, in addition to handing out Student of the Month Certificates to South Toms River Elementary School for May and June.

Emily Cushing thanked all first responders for their service.

Jessica DeForne was introduced to speak to those in attendance, as the 2013 Miss Teen NJ and National Hostess, and about giving back to the community and dedicating yourself to education.

Mayor Champagne recognized Mr. Bratton of the Elementary School for improving the quality of food in the school system. Principal Holzapfel received a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of Mr. Peter Bratton and addressed those in attendance stating how proud he was of the students.

Gigi Esparza was recognized as a member of the School Board.

Mr. Peter Bratton addressed those in attendance, thanked the mayor and stated he had the opportunity to meet with the mayor and help the kids and those in the community. He stated to eat health, it helps the body and mind.

Mayor for the Day, Emily Cushing asked for a quick recess
the Governing Body gave unanimous consent for a short recess.

With unanimous consent, the Governing Body came back into session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Cipriani, 45 Lakeview Dr, asked the Governing Body for permission that the Gathering Institute have to use the woods for cleanup and activities at the 88 acres. They would use insurance through the Optimist Club.

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Handshy Seconded with unanimous consent to provide permission to the Gathering Institute.

Will Jubert, 5 Dartmouth Drive, asking for financial assistance purchasing a Fire Chief car. He requests the five year donation be used for the purchase of the car, similar to previous contract. This will not raise taxes.

Councilman Cradle announced that a former Council Member, Lauren Holden, passed away and the Governing Body gave their condolences.

Sandy Ross, Hummel Drive, stated the summer camp is approaching, provided details, and asked that those interested please reach out.

Rich Cushing, Grandfather of Emily Cushing, thanked the Mayor and Council for starting this program and making her day.

Seeing no other public comments, Public Comment was closed.

Mayor For A Day, Emily Cushing, asked for a motion to approve the following minutes
Resolution 2014-188 Approval of May 12 and Executive Session and May 19 and Executive
Session Minutes

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

Mayor Champagne thanked Mayor For A Day, Emily Cushing, for her contribution to this program, and that this is just the beginning for her. And with the guidance of her family, he expects more contributions to South Toms River and the world.

Mayor Cushing excused herself and everyone thanked her.

Municipal Clerk stated Ordinances 13-14 has been advertised properly and is ready for 2nd reading. He further stated, with agreement from Mr. Sandy Ross, that it would best serve the Borough to have an Ordinance for the Establishment of the Municipal Alliance, even though the Municipal Alliance has existed for years.

Mr. Ryan stated that provisions allow the establishment be done through resolution or ordinance, however an ordinance would be easier to research and have easily on hand. The Municipal Clerk stated that appointments are done with Mayor and Council consent; however the Borough Attorney would research this as some members are appointed as per state statute

Councilman Handshy stated he would like to present a responsible contractor ordinance due to some

less than satisfactory improvements at some borough contracts which have been corrected due to maintenance bonds, in addition to addressing prevailing wage. The Municipal Clerk states that the Borough could also place contractors on a do not bid list, however this only can be done so for five years. Mr. Ryan stated additional conditions can be addressed through the Local Public Contracts Law.

The Municipal Clerk proceeded to read the titles of next week's resolutions to be considered

- Resolution 2014- Authorizing the Borough Engineer to prepare an application for the 2014 New Jersey Department of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the Barnegat Branch Trail Extension Project
- Resolution 2014- Providing for the insertion of a special item of revenue in the 2014 Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)
- Resolution 2014- Approving the renewal of ABC Liquor License for Ground Swipers Rod and Gun Club
- Resolution 2014- Requesting Home Depot and Lowes stop selling neonics in support of the bee population
- Resolution 2014- Supporting the International Residential Code Requirement for Fire Sprinklers in One-and-Two-Family Dwellings and Town houses
- Resolution 2014- Supporting the Optimist Club Cleanup Event
- Resolution 2014- Supporting Beachwood in a good faith gesture for July 4th Fireworks

The Municipal Clerk stated there will be a consideration by the Borough Council, at the recommendation of the Sewerage Authority, that Barbara Engelhardt be appointed to the Sewerage Authority. He then stated Robo Cans will be delivered to the Borough within the next two weeks, and will then proceed to try to determine vacated houses, and finally distribution of the cans to residents. The attempt to determine vacant houses will be coordinated between Public Works, Tax, and Code Enforcement.

Mayor Champagne asked how the cans will be distributed, and the Municipal Clerk stated it will be coordinated by the Clerk and the Public Works Committee. Rental properties will be held responsible for the maintaining of cans on the rental property. The landlords will be held responsible that all robo cans be kept on premise when there is a change in tenant, and no additional free cans will be provided if a new tenant comes to a rental property and the cans are missing.

Councilman Cradle stated he has a packet of information, provided by the Municipal Clerk, that will be provided to residents that explains the dos and don'ts, and how to care for the cans.

The Municipal Clerk confirmed with Councilman Gleason that there will be a list of homes that will be associated with the can distribution. Also, at the direction of Council into researching the Court, he is recommending that trash fines be increased, to be in accordance with other surrounding towns. Other areas of improvement in the Borough policy are in the works as the Municipal Clerk is drafting a Purchasing Manual to have consistency with all departmental purchasing, and a Vendor Manual to tell all vendors how the Borough does business. The Borough website now has a Bidder's List.

Councilman Handshy states there will be an Art Contest on the 4th of July and details will be forthcoming, and coordinating with Councilwoman Mosley and Principal Holzapfel for the students in grades K-5 with a First, Second and Third prize for each grade. The artwork will be in the school, and Councilman Handshy stated he likes to encourage art as well as sports.

Mayor Champagne states he would like to see the work at Borough Hall. Councilman Handshy stated previous artwork has been showcased at the County Library.

Mr. Sandy Ross, asked the guidelines be finalized as soon as possible, and the Governing Body agreed and thanked him. Councilman Handshy stated the plans are just about finalized.

The Municipal Clerk stated there will also be a walk-on resolution for Summer Camp Salaries, provided by Sandy Ross.

The Municipal Clerk asked for a motion for Resolution 2014-189 Approving the Governing Body to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of Personnel, Collective Bargaining , Land Acquisition, and pending litigation.

Councilman Cradle motioned to come back from Closed Session, Seconded by Gleason, and with Council consent.

Back into Public Session, the Municipal Clerk presented the following Resolution:

Resolution 2014-190 Requesting the Borough Planning Board Review and Provide
Recommendations as to whether the Borough of South Toms River
Satisfies the Criteria to be designated as an area in need of Rehabilitation

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x		Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
	x	Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
		Murray	x			
		Reevey				x

- Easement for Bikepath/Redevelopment (resolution being provided by Boro Planner monday)
- Employee manual - surrounding towns have 30hrs as full time; past practices here have been 20 hours
- Lakeview Crossings (garbage pickup/developers agreement)
- Deputy Court Administrator hiring/end of advertisement, no other qualified applicants, need to set an interview date this week
- Patricia Reevey - landuse salary

Councilman Cradle motioned to adjourn, Councilman Handshy Seconded.

With unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Municipal Clerk

Approved

Joseph M. Champagne, Mayor

Joseph A. Kostecki, MPA, RMC, CMR

Municipal Clerk