

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING
November 17, 2014, 7:00 PM**

Mayor Joseph Champagne opened the meeting with a 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.

ROLL CALL read by Municipal Clerk:

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

Councilman Cradle motioned to excuse Councilwoman Mosley, Seconded by Gleason, and with unanimous Council consent.

The Municipal Clerk opened for Public Comment.

Sandy Ross, 16 Hummel Dr, stated the Cheesecake sale ended and delivered. 250 were sold and most successful to date for the Municipal Alliance. The Municipal Alliance will hold a program titled “ Learning What's Eating Your Child, a way to better communicate with their children about drugs and alcohol.

Kevin McCormack of OEM state they were approved for 22 radios however only received one so far. Money is available in the OEM budget for the additional two. He thanked the Governing Body for their work this year.

Seeing no other public comments, Public Comment was closed

Resolution 2014-282 Approving the minutes of October 14 and 20 Council Meeting and Executive Sessions

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

Resolution 2014-283 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus property

The Municipal Clerk described the vehicles that will be auctioned.

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

Resolution 2014-284 Authorizing the Mayor to execute PBA Contract

Borough Attorney had the paralegal retype the contract to fix the fonts and nonmaterial aspects in the contract. The salary schedule has been drafted and approved by the CFO.

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

Resolution 2014-285 Confirming the salaries of the designated employees of the Borough of South Toms River

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

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| | | Handshy | x | | | |
| | | Mosley | | | | x |
| | x | Murray | x | | | |
| x | | Reevey | x | | | |

Councilman Handshy asked why the resolution is being brought up at the end of the year. The CFO stated this is due to pending negotiations with the PBA.

Councilman Cradle asked for the 2013 Salary Resolution for comparison.

The CFO explained the Statutory employees are given a raise at the same percentage as the Police Chief.

Councilman Cradle motioned for a quick recess, seconded by Murray, and unanimous Council consent.

Councilman Cradle motioned to return to public session, seconded by Murray, and unanimous Council consent.

The Municipal Clerk presented the following Walk-On Resolution for Council consideration:

Resolution 2014-290 Authorizing the Release of a Retainage For Mathis Plaza Phase 3, Site Improvements in the Amount of \$5,263.27

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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 2014-286 Resolution Referring to the Planning Board for review and comment the “Route 166 Corridor Waterfront Redevelopment Plan
- Resolution 2014-287 Approving a Raffle License for the South Toms River Optimist Club
- Resolution 2014-288 Approving a return of a Letter of Credit for a Performance Surety for Habitat for Humanity, Inc Affordable Housing unit construction Block 13 Lot 9 in the amount of \$6,674.00

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

VOUCHERS

The Governing Body asked the CFO about certain items on the Bill List, followed by allowing the public to ask questions with regard to the Bill List.

Mayor Champagne provided a paid invoice showing that the Borough was not held responsible and did not pay for the Project Summary, and further stated that it was paid by his campaign.

Resolution 2014-289 Approving payment of Bill List

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

MONTHLY COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Cradle stated Bulk Pickup will be back to once a month for next year, and asked that a Resolution be placed on the next agenda. He is entertaining the idea of having a quarterly calendar for residents. He provided a form to all Governing Body members to fill out and provide their interest in Committees for 2015. The Borough will provide mass communication to residents to ensure bulk and garbage pickup is known to residents.

Councilman Handshy attended a meeting that provided information to assist residents with the floodplain questions. He also attended a special JIF FEMA committee meeting that provided information relating to pending FEMA insurance money. He further stated there are less than a handful of towns that are holding up approximately \$40 million in FEMA funds.

Councilman Murray stated the Fall Festival was a success. The cheerleaders U15 are eastern champions and U12 and U10 are all going to Florida for Finals.

Mayor Champagne stated the Veterans Day celebration was wonderful. He stated they would like to expand their memorial at Mathis Veterans Memorial Park. He hopes to be awarded the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award in December for the work done along the Toms River. He hopes the events in town such as the Fall Festival will increase the morale in the Borough. He thanked Laura Ferris for her work. The second edition of the newsletter is available for residents.

Councilman Reevey stated he has been working with the Police Chief

Councilman Gleason stated he would like Clean Communities money to spend on cameras on the Recreation facility. The Sewerage Authority has a Kobota and the Borough would be able to use this in the future, pending a shared services agreement.

The Municipal Clerk asked for clarification on the date and time for the holiday Tree Lighting. The Agenda for the December Caucus and Tree Lighting will be as follows:

Date: December , 2014

Time 6:30 Students of the Month

7:00pm Tree Lighting, and the Caucus to follow. The Tree Lighting is expected to last approximately an hour.

The Borough attorney advised on the Caucus to "follow" instead of placing a time to allow more flexibility. He further stated he would like to provide some cookies for the children attending the Tree Lighting.

The Borough Engineer received authorization and directive from the Governing Body to proceed with speed humps in the designated areas. Reevey motioned, seconded by Cradle with unanimous consent.

Mary Lundy, 112 Attison, requests speed humps along Attison. Councilman Murray stated the Borough will look into at the next round of speed humps.

Anthony Piccolo, 5 Green Ridge, stated the Little League has new teams joining and thriving. He asked the Council proceed with the Phase II second story addition to the Blockhouse at the ball field. He stated the Borough has had trouble receiving bids for the addition due to contractor not wanting to be paid with the current Borough pay schedule.

Mayor Champagne stated the Center Homes Park donation fund is open, and states anyone is able to donate to rebuild this park.

Seeing no other business or comments, Murray motioned to adjourn, seconded by Gleason, with unanimous Council consent.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:15pm

Approved

Joseph M. Champagne, Mayor

Joseph A. Kostecki, Municipal Clerk