

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
MINUTES OF REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2018, 7:00 PM**

MOMENT OF SILENCE & FLAG SALUTE

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 and published on December 15, 2017; 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:

	Handshy	Rolzhausen	Mosley	Murray	McCormack	Ross	Cradle
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent							

Mayor Cradle read the Proclamation for School Choice Week:

PROCLAMATION

Borough of South Toms River

SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

WHEREAS all children in Borough of South Toms River should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS Borough of South Toms River recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Borough of South Toms River to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Borough of South Toms River; and,

WHEREAS Borough of South Toms River is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS Borough of South Toms River has many high-quality teaching

professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Oscar Cradle, Mayor do hereby recognize January 21-27, 2018 as Borough of South Toms River School Choice Week, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

Mayor, Oscar Cradle

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Council President Ross welcomed all those in attendance. He thanked the parents and students for their work enhancing their education and family role in education.

Motion to recess? 1st: Ross 2nd: McCormack
Back into public session: 1st: Mosley 2nd: Ross

PRESENTATION and PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Planet Civic: Javier Guardo

Mr. Guardo introduced a social platform that would be used to foster engagement, in an effort to gauge the residents opinions at a higher rate. The related thesis is to foster outcomes in a constructive manner, so that the Governing Body can make more informed decisions. The module is designed to get feedback from communities through different channels. Only confirmed residents have the ability to vote on initiatives to ensure a proper gauge of the population.

2. Caregivers - Carol Gibbons

Ms. Gibbons summarized the many beneficial services and resources for seniors and veterans that are provided by the Caregivers of Ocean County. The Caregivers have provided over 25 years of service to the community, with over 2,000 volunteers that include interfaith services, civic groups, senior communities. Services include medical transportation, friendly visits for Alzheimer care, veteran to veteran, friendly phone calls, and a multicultural program. Socialization is very important for our seniors; it helps battle isolation. All of our services combat social isolation.

Anna Polozzo, 12 Citadel. Ms. Polozzo also stated that the PlanetCivic platform could have been used in place of the mailer sent out last year, which was a questionnaire to ask about residents interest in changing the garbage schedule during Thanksgiving. The cost was approximately \$300 for the mailing, and PlanetCivic could have the same effect at no cost; or rather, just a yearly fee of \$500. She believes this can be a valuable tool, if used properly.

Councilman Rolzhausen thanked Ms. Polozzo for addressing the mailer and how its benefits can provide the same or better affect.

Councilman Ross confirmed this is accessible from a smartphone.

Councilman Murray stated he believes that having this accessible is beneficial at the age of 13, which is the youngest age to be allowed to use this.

Mr. Guardo states that some initiatives may be too complex. However, there are others which kids can relate to such as street signs.

Mayor Cradle stated that we can get their opinion; it is the Governing Body that makes the decision at the end of the day. We want them interested in our community. I want them to see that they have opinions, and that will hopefully increase their engagement in our, their community. We were over at Career Day, and the ideas that they gave myself and Mr. Kostecki were absolutely great, and beneficial to our community.

Councilman Rolzhausen: How often is this used in Montclair and how are people made aware of a question posed?

Mr. Guardo There is one action per month, and everyone who is registered receives a notification of a question. We identify real priorities, and therefore we want to make sure these are important to the town and the residents. There are a limited amount of questions each resident can vote on, and this helps them prioritize their opinions. If you “like” everything; you “like” nothing.

Seeing no other public comments, Councilwoman Mosley motioned to close public comments; seconded by Councilman Rolzhausen, and full Council consent.

RESOLUTIONS

To Table Resolution 2018-46 Approving Council Minutes of December 11th and December 21st, 2017

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Handshy	x			
	x	Rolzhausen	x			
x		Mosley	x			
		Murray	x			
		McCormack	x			
		Ross	x			

The following resolutions will be enacted on by one motion as a Consent Agenda.

Resolution 2018-45 Authorizing Wingman Planning for web development Services in the amount of \$2,500.

Resolution 2018-47 Authorizing the 2017 Recycling Grant

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		Handshy	x			
	x	Rolzhausen	x			
		Mosley	x			
		Murray	x			
x		McCormack	x			
		Ross	x			

OLD BUSINESS

The Municipal Clerk stated that the Christmas Tree Pick-up will be on 1.21.18 He further stated that Anna Polozzo will be the Mayor's designee as the Toms River School Board Liaison.

Councilman Rolzhausen stated that in the past, a resident asked about providing two garbage collections during the summer. He believes this would be beneficial and wouldn't add too much to cost. He will be discussing this with the Mayor and Public Works Committee. Also, any applications that come before the Land Use Board should be current with the Code Enforcer. We currently don't have an ordinance on this and would like to have this at the next meeting.

Mayor Cradle stated January 25th, 10am at Second Baptist Church, 2 First St. Dr. William Green will be presenting on the life of Martin Luther King.

Anna Polozzo, 12 Citadel, complimented Public Works for their well done snowplowing during the recent snow storm. She stated that some residents are still parking in the street, and the Public Works did great, even with having to plow around cars parked in the street. She stated that some residents continue to not shovel sidewalks, and its a problem for kids walking to school. She brought 15,934 enrolled in Toms River Regional. 3,888.5 were eligible for free lunch; and 208 of those are enrolled in South Toms River Elementary School. We need to ensure our kids have the tools they need. Our kids can't even afford an \$18 posterboard nevermind food. We need to make sure our school district is aware of our kids in need. We need equal educational opportunities for our kids.

Seeing no other comments, Councilwoman Mosley motioned to Adjourn; 2ND: McCormack, and full Council consent.

ADJOURNMENT @ 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Borough Clerk

Mayor Oscar L. Cradle. Sr.