

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2019, 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 November 29, 2018; 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:

	Applegate	Fennell	Mosley	Murray	Ross	Taylor	Handshy
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent							

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Handshy thanked the Governing Body for having fun participating in the first Trunk or Treat. Additional thanks went out to all of the businesses for their participation: Chuck’s Ice Cream, Luigi’s, Progressive Dimensions, and our First Aid Squad.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Toms Rolzhausen, 420 Applegate Avenue: requested an update on Chamberlain improvements.

The Borough Clerk informed him that the Borough Engineer is in the planning phase.

Janice Palumbo, 474 Dover Rd.: Stated South Main has brush and looks a mess. She requested the Borough look into prisoners to clean the area. She requested traffic rumble-strips on Dover Road, close to the Berkeley border. She further stated she saw the Borough giving away student backpacks which is nice but doesn’t believe this is a big deal. She further stated she wants improved parks and sidewalks.

Council President Taylor stated the Borough is in the process of fixing the parks, including Brook Forest which is around the corner from her residence. He also informed Ms. Palumbo of the Homework Club to assist kids from 2nd to 5th grade at the Recreation Building starting November 25th.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk stated that the roads she discussed are County roads. However, every year the Borough has meetings with the County Road Department, and can request traffic calming devices in the future.

Virginia Saavedra, 28 Carnegie St. There have been bad storms. She requested garbage coincide with leaf pickup. She thanked the council for the double pickup during the summer.

Seeing no other questions or comments, Councilman Ross motioned to close Public Comment, Seconded by Councilwoman Mosley, and council consent.

RESOLUTIONS

The Borough Administrator/Clerk read the titles of the proposed Resolutions in the consent agenda.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk provided a review of the yearly Best Practices Worksheet, it’s relevance to State Aid funding, and the scoring of questions. To receive full funding, the Borough must achieve a minimum score of 30 points. The public was informed that the Borough received well above this number at 41.50.

Councilman Ross addressed a question on the Best Practices Worksheet to confirm the shared service with Berkeley. He confirmed this should be amended to reflect Street sweeping and not Recreation. Councilman Ross also inquired about the recycling revenue question since it lists “no”.

The Borough Administrator stated that the Borough did not receive any revenue sharing from recycling the prior year. However, hopes that there will be a profit at the County Recycling facility, and thereby provide some revenue-sharing.

Additionally, the Animal Control contract and pricing schedule has not increased in cost for the past 3 years.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2019-179 Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Public Property

- Resolution 2019-180—Certifying Review of the 2019 Best Practices Worksheet
- Resolution 2019-181 Resolution Authorizing the Borough Administrator to Solicit Request For Quotes for the Maintenance and Repair of Light Duty Vehicles
- Resolution 2019-182 Resolution Adopting the 2019 Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan for Ocean County
- Resolution 2019-183 Approving the Council Minutes of October 15, 2019
- Resolution 2019-185 Authorizing the Renewal of Animal Control Services with Associated Humane Societies

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN/NV	ABSENT
		Applegate	x			
		Fennell	x			
		Mosley	x			
x		Murray	x			
	x	Ross	x			
		Taylor	x			

BILL LIST

Resolution 2019-184 Approving the October 2019 Bill List

Councilman Applegate asked if the DPW invoices on vehicle maintenance were also included on the last survey?

The Administrator stated no since the Bill List was done after. Therefore, the additional \$4,000 or so is in addition to the figures for garbage collection and maintenance.

Kevin McCormack requested Council add the invoice for Motorola, which is reimbursable under 966. The Borough Clerk stated they can add it contingent upon the availability of funds and CFO approval.

As such, the Bill List is amended to include the purchase of OEM equipment in the amount of \$6,233.50 under the Fiscal Year 2020 OEM 966 Reimbursement Program Grant

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		Applegate	x			
x		Fennell	x			
	x	Mosley	x			
		Murray	x			
		Ross	x			
		Taylor	x			

REPORTS

Borough Administrator provided a quick recap of the pending Route 166 Bridge Replacement. He stated the Borough is working to reduce congestion while not blocking any vehicular access to businesses along Route 166. One traffic pattern of concern was the potential to block northbound traffic on Route 166 northbound during both the AM and PM hours from March 2022 to March 2024.

Mayor Handshy statement:

“I’m concerned for residents in my town and our neighborhood towns for their quality of life issues with overdevelopment plans within a 2 mile radius of each other.

- STR has plan plans for 360 residential units
- Manitou Park has another 50-60 units
- Berkeley Twp lans for another 600 units along Route 9 corridor;
- Toms River plans for a highrise of 1,000 units potentially increasing to 5,000 in the future.

This does not include redevelopment on the pending removal of the downtown post office, and the pending plans to turn the current public parking lots along Lien Street into highrise affordable housing.

Unless we fight these plans, the only vision I can see is a metropolis in a once valued urban community setting where the infrastructure is unsustainable.

Our municipal, state and county road system will be crippled with grid lock - and where is the market for influx of a potential 5,000 families coming from?

I believe we are at a crossroads of increasing the population to a potentially hazardous level, and detrimentally affecting the Borough and neighboring municipalities' ability to accommodate this residential housing.”

OLD BUSINESS

The Borough Administrator stated the Christmas Decoration Contest has started. Forms are available on the website. Nominations for best decoration are due by Friday December 6th, with the winners being chosen at the Tree Lighting on Monday December 9th.

The Borough Administrator stated PlanetCivic is being used for questions. He asked for all to sign-up if they have not done so already. This platform was used for garbage collection, and this is the 3rd time being used for this specific question. He provided a vote tally 45 yes, 6 nays and mentioned the productive conversations which occurred.

Councilman Talyor requested it to be tabled for more consideration.

Councilman Murray stated this needs to be completed for Oscar to print it in time for December. We can't keep pushing it back. It needs to go to the printer.

Councilman Ross stated the petition they have shows even more support.

The Administrator stated he can have the web administrator send a message asking people to vote more.

Councilman Applegate stated he understands that people may want an additional pickup. However, what they don't understand is the cost to provide this service will increase taxes; will make the Borough buy a garbage truck earlier than anticipated, and the collection isn't worth the pickup since people aren't filling their cans, or misusing the pickup by placing things in the can that shouldn't be in there.

Tom Rolzhausen stated that he believes the numbers are skewed.

The Administrator stated the numbers provided were directly from Finance, and only account for 9 months rather than the entire year.

Roll Call to Table
2020 Community Calendar

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN/NV	ABSENT
	x	Applegate	x			
		Fennell	x			
		Mosley		x		
		Murray		x		
		Ross		x		
x		Taylor	x			
		Handshy	x			

NEW BUSINESS

Comcast Cable Television System Renewal- The Borough Administrator stated he's reached out to a consultant at the League of Municipalities to see if there are any other negotiating factors regarding the renewal of cable franchise agreements.

John participated and shared it, voted and commented. He suggested listing a deadline. He further requested that extending the deadline might not matter with the higher percentage of votes approval over no votes.

Toms Rolzhausen 420 Applegate Avenue. When looking at PlanetCivic, he mentioned prior results, showing prior favor of increased pickup.

Motion to close public comments: Ross, seconded by Mosley, and full Council consent.

REPORTS

Council President TAYlor thanked all those for participating the Trunk or Treat, thanking the first responders, First Aid, Fire Company. He further mentioned the possibility of having a Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Recreation Center.

Councilman Applegate thanked Chief Kosh for removing cars from the impound yard, and mentioned the large amount of paperwork in completing the process.

Councilwoman Mosley thanked everyone for the great Trunk or Treat event.

Councilman Murray stated the first Trunk or Treat went very well, and mentioned MTE for attending and winning the car contest. He further stated that he is up to speed with Police Department monthly report. We are entering into negotiations, and more contracts will be up for renewal next year.

Councilman Ross stated he attended a COBA meeting where Mr. Kostecki gave a very nice presentation to a large group on the Regional Buy Local. Contract Negotiation seminar on the 22nd in Tinton Falls, which can be shared with the Negotiations Committee. The Trunk or Treat was very well attended, and cant wait to see this become a yearly event. The Senior Bing for Fun was again on the last Sunday of the month.

Councilman Fennell stated the Trunk or Treat was a great success with many kids smiling and having a great time. The Police Department area doing a great job as well.

Mayor Handshy stated the Police, EMS and Fire were all very well represented, seeing our First Responders participating in our community events. He attended the Elementary School pep rally, and I was there to cheer them on. They had a nice presentation on the interpretation of respect. The COBA meeting went great on the Regionalized Buy Local. The Land Use Board meeting was on the 21st. The 15th was the Trunk or Treat committee meeting to plan for the event. We attended a Save Barnegat Bay meeting to plan the Shoreline Stabilization project. Britta Wenzel is providing great assistance in this, and mentioned that our grant application was the most well-written. He further mentioned the forthcoming Bridge replacement requesting a two way traffic pattern along Herflicker to ensure traffic to our businesses.

Seeing no other business, Councilman Ross motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Ross, and full Council consent.

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Borough Clerk, Joseph Kostecki

Gregory Handshy, Mayor