

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 23, 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:

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Handshy presented Richard Applegate with a plaque for his dedication to the Borough during his time on Borough Council.

Councilman Applegate thanked everyone from the bottom of his heart.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Wiliam Kosh addressed the Governing Body and public, wishing all a happy and healthy holiday. He provided a public notice which is part of the on-site police accreditation being conducted on January 5, 2020. There is public comment portion as part of the process, which is detailed on the public notice. He stated the long process, and how much it has benefitted the police department going through the process.

Closing Public Comment: Ross 2nd Motion: Murray, and Council consent.

RESOLUTIONS

The Borough Administrator/Clerk stated the following Consent statement, and read aloud the Resolution numbers by Title.

CONSENT AGENDA

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 2019-199 Authorizing the 2020 Schedule “C” Agreement with the Ocean County Road Department
- Resolution 2019-200 Approving the Mayor and Council Minutes of November 25, 2019, and December 9, 2019.
- Resolution 2019-201 Accepting the 2018 Annual Audit Report in the Borough of South Toms River
- Resolution 2019-202 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Ocean County Gage, Gun, and Narcotics Task Force (S.O.G)
- Resolution 2019-203 Adopting a Cyber Risk Management Program
- Resolution 2019-204 Authorizing a Tax Overpayment Refund to Peter H. Arp of 34 Double Trouble Road, Block 18.01 Lot 4; Nadar Abdelmaseih of 24 Long Drive, Block 22 Lot 10.14 and Lawrence J. Salerno of Annapolis Road, Block 21.06 Lot 6
- Resolution 2019-206 Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Current Year 2019 Budget Appropriations

| MOTION | SECOND | NAME | YEAS | NAYS | ABSTAIN/NV | ABSENT |
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| | | Applegate | x | | | |
| x | | Fennell | x | | | |
| | x | Mosley | x | | | |
| | | Murray | x | | | |
| | | Ross | x | | X (only R-2019-200) | |
| | | Taylor | x | | | |

BILL LIST

- Resolution 2019-205 Approving the December 2019 Bill List

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| x | | Fennell | x | | | |
| | | Mosley | x | | | |
| | | Murray | x | | | |
| | | Ross | x | | | |
| | | Taylor | x | | | |

OLD BUSINESS

The Borough Administrator stated that all have received 2020 Request For Professionals, and addressed the need for needed dimensions of the Recreation Building in order to solicit bids for rentals.

NEW BUSINESS

The Borough Administrator stated that First Responder Committee will be addressing the Move Over Sign in the New Year; possibly a planter box and safety sign area for an Eagle Scout.

The Borough Administrator stated that Borough Engineer is awaiting direction from the Pinelands on a prior subdivision certification. This would be the first step for any additional improvements at the public works and recreation building properties

The Borough Administrator stated that Ocean County FEMA is providing municipalities the opportunity to adopt the 2015 preliminary FIRMs (Flood Insurance Rate Maps) and are requesting a response by January 31, 2020. Draft response letters for adopting or not adopting are part of the process. This decision is solely up to each town and should be carefully considered. Adopting the 2015 preliminary maps at this time would still allow the community to use the best available data for floodplain management and flood insurance uses while the coastal restudy is underway. Please note that once the coastal restudy has been completed, all Ocean County communities will receive updated maps. To assist with our decision, we were provided a list of the estimated number of structures (14) in your community that are affected by the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) shown on the 2015 preliminary FIRM

The Borough Administrator stated that Toms River Township Building Department provided a quote for a Building Application Software to better incorporate Shared Services process for Building permits.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS

Council President Taylor stated that Homework Club is off and doing very well, with twenty-five students. They have now opened up the Club to 1st Graders. They recently had Santa come to the Homework Club, with each Donovan student bringing gifts for each kid. There is also a potential Health Fair in March.

Councilman Applegate thanked the Mayor, Council and staff as his term comes to an end. He wished all a Merry Christmas and good health.

Councilwoman Mosley stated she participated in the Toms River Regional Schools bus trip to rally in Trenton for better school funding, which was a great turnout of support.

Councilman Murray updated his participation with the Negotiation Committee and Police Committee. They are looking at new fingerprinting and breathalyzer. The new pilot program was supposed to start in April, however may be delayed.

Councilman Ross updated his participation with the negotiation Committee, and is in the process of negotiations, with new more in the next year (PBA and Public Works). He stated that there will be a lunch after the Reorganization Meeting on January 1st, 2020. The lunch will start at 2pm.

Councilman Fennell updated his participation with the negotiation Committee, and is in the process of negotiations. He also wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday.

Mayor Handshy provided additional notice for the 2020 Census, and mentioned Census jobs are available for \$20/hr, and more information is on the census website. Additionally, there was a meeting with Suez, who has water main replacement plans for April. This will be a full replacement with larger lines along Dover Road. The Neighborhood Watch is looking for more members; new signs are going up soon, and the old phone number associated with the Watch is once again activated. Additionally, JCP&L will be replacing lighting in Center Homes with upgraded wattage. As mentioned by the Chief, the on-site Police accreditation review will be on January 5th, 2020. He stated his attendance as the SOS Rally at Toms River North, along with Councilman Fennell and Taylor. He stated that South Toms River was the only municipality to be in attendance at the press conference. The Mayor ended his update by thanking the Donovan Catholic students and Councilman Taylor for the Homework Club and organizing the Santa visit.

Resolution 2019-207 Executive Session for the Purpose of Attorney-Client Privilege.

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| | x | Mosley | x | | | |
| | | Murray | x | | | |
| x | | Ross | x | | | |
| | | Taylor | x | | | |

Motion to Adjourn: Murray, Seconded by Ross, and Council consent.

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Kostecki, Borough Clerk

Gregory Handshy, Mayor