

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2020, 7:00 PM**

Mayor Handshy opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Flag Salute.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk read the following public notice:

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 12, 2019; 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.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk proceed with Roll Call vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Excusing Councilwoman Mosley 1st: Murray 2nd: Ross, and Council consent

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Handshy congratulated all in attendance and spoke to the importance of being good students, in addition to being well-behaved at home.

Mayor Handshy, Councilman Taylor, Chief Kosh, Officer Burrett, and Principal Holzapfel distributed Student of the Month Certificates to those students in attendance.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk announced that the Little League Parade & Season Opener will be on April 4th, 2020. He encouraged all to come out and enjoy the day.

Motion for Recess: 1st: Murray 2nd: Ross, and Council consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to enter back into public session: Murray and Rolzhausen, and Council consent.

Kevin McCormack, OEM Coordinator, addressed Council. He noticed those volunteers for CERT in attendance and thanked them. He stated his 38 years in emergency services, and the work he and others completed. It starts out as an Event. I respect the Mayor’s decision to assign Deputies. An Event doesn’t happen until people are called out. He stated the need to have reliable members, with firsthand knowledge of emergency procedures, stating that communications (and the Communications Room/Officer) is usually the first to arrive at Borough Hall during an Emergency Event. I placed Bill Gleason on the radios because he’s been doing it for years. He places the correspondence. The Events start small, usually get big. This week, we will be advertising for CERT volunteers. He stated going forward they would be trained in search and rescue, mainly for Berkeley Holiday City seniors. Bill is the first person here. He coordinates with the Sheriff’s Department at Miller, then we hand out the radios.

Mayor Handshy asked that during a State of Emergency, are you the first one here?

No, they don't declare a State of Emergency until most times we are already here, and many times is hours later. They won't issue money out right away. We aren't the first ones here if others are on other fire or ems calls. A Deputy would be here, but some don't have the knowledge.

Mayor Handshy stated he appointed the Deputies based on how other towns structured their OEM, with relevant Department Heads representing PD, EMS and Fire.

Chief Kosh stated he met with a representative of Ocean Mental Health, to discuss a program called On Point. This would allow them to sit in the Police Department to provide a free screening service for any mental health crisis or other intervention needed. They would be on the police or Borough side. The other program is an employee assistance program. This is a new program, and most towns have it. It would be for post traumatic stress; alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence; and any mental health. If you don't use it, there's no cost. There may be costs to the Borough for the first two visits, then they would be referred out to longer care. We are also working the the Prosecutor's Office to work on suicide prevention, maybe a town hall. As you know, our community has been affected by youth suicides, and we would like to address this. The last program I would like to speak with you about is the Blue Hope program. It used to be called the Blue Heart via the Prosecutor's Office. There are four police departments throughout the county. One day a week, they would be in one of these towns to be an intake facility. People would come to us; we would screen them, and they would be transferred to Ocean Mental Health, and by the end of the day would have a bed. Now, the program is going to be funded by the Health Department. There is an MOU in-front of you to start the program. We are already trained for Blue Hope. On-Point is for mental health. And Blue Hope is for Opioid dependency.

Councilman Rolzhausen asked how the word for this program get distributed?

Chief Kosh confirmed that this is done by the Prosecutor's Office.

Councilman Taylor also stated that the Churches are a large resource as well.

Resolution 2020-53 Authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding for Blue Hope

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

Seeing no further questions or comments, the Borough Clerk asked for a motion to close Public Comment.

Motion to Close Public Comment: 1st: Rolzhausen 2nd: Ross, and Council consent

RESOLUTIONS

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 2020-47B Approving the Council Meeting Minutes of December 23, 2019
- Resolution 2020-48 Approving a 2020 Amusement License for Bounce About
- Resolution 2020-49 Approving Off-Site Raffle License Application RA2020-1 for the Optimist Club on June 14, 2020
- Resolution 2020-50 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean Police Services For The FY 19/20 Traffic Safety Program Known as the Drug Recognition Expert Callout Program (D.R.E.C.P)

- Resolution 2020-51 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean Police Services For The FY 19/20 Traffic Safety Program Known as Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program (DWI/DWE) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 ET SEQ
- Resolution 2020-52 Authorizing Solicitation for Professional Services Special Counsel Pool Under N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Borough Administrator/Clerk updated the Borough on the need to appoint a future Drug Expert Recognition Representatives

Designated Employer Representative (D.E.R.)”

Municipal employers seeking to administer and enforce the Commercial Driver regulations under the USDOT/FMCSA are required to appoint a “Designated Employer Representative (D.E.R.)” who must be an employee of the municipality and, must be available to receive test results and communication concerning testing of employees. Most importantly, the D.E.R. must be authorized to take immediate action to remove employees from safety-sensitive duties if test results warrant that action. The D.E.R. training course is designed to prepare employees to serve in this vital role. The Safety Director recommends that at least two employees receive the training so that a backup will be available if needed.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk spoke to the new law of appointing a Human Resource Officer for domestic violence, in response to the New Jersey Legislature enacted the Domestic Violence Policy Act for Public Employers. The law directed the Civil Service Commission (NJCSC) to develop a uniform domestic violence policy and requires all public employers to adopt a written policy concerning the reporting and handling of domestic violence, regardless of whether or not the employer is subject to Civil Service.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk thanked all those who worked and volunteered for the Rabies Vaccination Clinic, including Mayor, Council and staff. He stated that the Borough hosted over 80 dogs and a dozen cats this past weekend at the Borough’s Free Rabies Clinic. Licensing is due by Jan 30th.

NEW BUSINESS

The Borough Administrator/Clerk stated that the New Jersey League of Municipalities is having it’s 26th Annual Scholarship Competition, and notices will be sent to High School South. He further mentioned the success of PlanetCivic, and plans to expand its use for volunteerism. Finally, he stated that Councilwoman Mosley met with a vendor down at the League of Municipalities for Driver Safety & Fleet Management Services. He stated that the Borough is always looking to make improvements, and we will look at safety and Fleet services to see if we can make further improvements through this vendor. The on-site accreditation evaluation conducted on January 5th. The Re-Accreditation process will continue for policy updates, and to ensure all policies and procedures are continually up to date. The Ocean County JIF requested money to cover the Re-Accreditation process through the MEL, and will advise us shortly. We anticipate the JIF cover half of the Re-Accreditation process.

Chief Kosh addressed the Mayor and Council. He stated that their attendance at the onsite accreditation review was very much noticed by the onsite evaluators in a great way, since they've never seen that active of an attendance during the process.

Councilman Ross stated that the Optimist Club has their annual \$500 scholarship for South Toms River and Manitou Park graduating seniors or returning college students.

Councilman Murray stated that each year, his family raises money in memory of his sister. The scholarship is called the Pattie Murray Memorial Funds Scholarship, and is for a High School South student.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk stated NJ Seedlings is asking for a change in proposed seedling pickup location due to access. NJ Forestry asked us to change the location for seedling pickup from the Elementary School to a public event forum not at a school, since there were complaints in Toms River that some were not able to get to the school.

Resolution 2020-54 Authorizing Executive Session for the Purposes of Attorney-Client Privilege and Contract Negotiations.

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

Motion to enter back into public session: Murray, seconded by Rolzhausen, and Council consent.

Seeing no further business, Councilman Fennell motioned to Adjourn, seconded by Councilman Murray, and Council consent.

Adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Kostecki, Borough Administrator/Clerk

Gregory Handshy, Mayor