

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2020, 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 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.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

PROCLAMATION

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER,
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY
MONTH**

WHEREAS, in 1776, the United States of America was imagined, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, as a new nation dedicated to the proposition that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”;

WHEREAS, on November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln, in reference to the Declaration of Independence, stated, Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

WHEREAS, the history of the United States includes injustices and the denial of basic, fundamental rights at odds with the words of the founders of the United States and the sacrifices commemorated at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS the injustices committed in the United States include approximately 250 years of slavery, 100 years of lynchings, denial of both fundamental human and civil rights, and withholding of the basic rights of citizenship; Whereas, inequalities and injustices in our society still exist today;

WHEREAS Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, W.E.B. Dubois, Booker T. Washington, Charles Hamilton Houston, the Tuskegee Airmen, Lena Horne, Ralph Bunche, Jackie Robinson, Constance Baker Motley, James Baldwin, Dorothy Height, Thurgood Marshall, and Shirley Chisholm each lived a life of incandescent greatness while many African Americans lived, toiled, and died in obscurity, never achieving the recognition they deserved, but paved the way for future generations to succeed;

WHEREAS many African-American men and women worked against racism to achieve success, such as James Beckwourth, Bill Pickett, Colonel Allen Allensworth, Clara Brown, and many others who were pivotal in the exploration and westward expansion of the United States;

WHEREAS pioneers such as David Dinkins, Mae Jemison, Arthur Ashe, Oprah Winfrey, James Earl Jones, Clarence Thomas, Ursula Burns, Alice Walker, Ronald Brown, Alexis Herman, Kenneth Chenault, and Magic Johnson have all served as positive beneficiaries of our forefathers and as great role models and leaders for future generations;

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2008, and again on November 6, 2012, the people of the United States elected an African-American man, Barack Obama, as President of the United States, and African Americans continue to serve the United States at the highest levels of the government and Armed Forces;

WHEREAS, Carter G. Woodson, the Father of Black History, stated, We have a wonderful history behind us. . . . If you are unable to demonstrate to the world that you have this record, the world will say to you, You are not worthy to enjoy the blessings of democracy or anything else.,

WHEREAS Black History Month, celebrated during the month of February, dates back to 1926 when Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievement of black Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this 10th Day of February, 2020, the Governing Body of the Borough of South Toms River hereby acknowledge the contributions made to society by endorsing Black History Month.

Mayor Gregory Handshy

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proclamation for Black History Month

Little League Parade & Season Opener: April 4th, 2020

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: Mosley 2nd: Ross, and Council consent.

Motion to enter back into public session: 1st: Rolzhausen, 2nd: Ross, and Council consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Borough Administrator/Clerk opened up the public comment. Seeing no questions or comments from the public, he requested a motion to close public comment. Public Comment was closed with 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.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk read the following Resolutions by Title:

- Resolution 2020-69 Approving Council Minutes of January 1, 2020, January 13, 2020, and January 27, 2020
- Resolution 2020-70 Authorizing a Coin Toss for Manitou Park Volunteer Fire Company on May 9, 2020, and October 10, 2020
- Resolution 2020-71 Amending the Personnel Manual to Adopt Human Resource Policy for Domestic Violence
- Resolution 2020-72 Authorizing Solicitation of Bids for Chamberlain Avenue under the 2019 Municipal Aid Grant
- Resolution 2020-73 Accepting Robert Green’s Resignation from the South Toms River Recreation Commission (By Title)
- Resolution 2020-74 Authorizing Professional Services for Special Projects Attorney Pool
- Resolution 2020-75 Authorizing a Coin Toss for South Toms River First Aid Squad

Councilman Ross requested Resolution 2020-74 was removed from the Consent Agenda, to be placed after Executive Session.

Roll Call

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

Resolution 2020-76 Authorizing Executive Session for Attorney-Client Privileges
1st: Mosley 2nd: Ross, and Council consent.

OLD BUSINESS

The Borough Administrator/Clerk stated that the St. Louis Bay High School Scholarship letters have been advertised, and sent to Toms River High School South, and looks forward to submittals.

NEW BUSINESS

The Borough Administrator/Clerk stated that a letter was sent to the Pinelands Commission in response to

subdivision approval. The Borough requested that the subdivision be approved as submitted.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk stated Local Government Week will be approaching next month. This gives the Borough the opportunity to meet residents, answer questions, maybe canvass businesses, and reintroduce ourselves to the public.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk stated there will be upcoming Budget Workshops on the following dates: Feb 27, Mar 5, Mar 12, all Thursdays at 7pm.

Motion to enter back into public session: 1st: Fennell, 2nd Mosley, and Council consent.

Resolution 2020-74 Authorizing Professional Services for Special Projects Attorney Pool

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

Resolution 2020-77 Authorizing Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm, and Cipriani as Professional Services for Affordable Housing Counsel

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

Mayor Handshy appointed Richard Applegate to the Recreation Commission, filling the vacant term of recently resigned by Mr. Robert Green. The term shall expire 12/31/2024

Motion to Adjourn: 1st: Mosely, 2nd Taylor, and Council consent.

Adjourned at

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Kostecki, Borough Administrator/Clerk

Gregory Handshy, Mayor