

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2020, 7:00 PM**

Mayor Handshy opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by a flag salute.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk read the following 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.

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Handshy mentioned that the Little League Parade & Season Opener is on April 4th, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

Seeing no public comments, Councilman Murray motioned to close public comment, seconded by Councilwoman Mosley, and full Council consent.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2020-1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 26 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION" AND SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1.17 ENTITLED "DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FEES". (2nd Reading)

Public Comment:

The Borough Administrator/Clerk stated this ordinance allows for fees to be collected for subdivision applications, so that tax maps can be updated.

Seeing no public comments

Close Public Comment: Mosley 2nd: Murray and Council consent.

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020-78

Authorizing the Hiring of William E Kosh as Police Chief of the Borough of South Toms River Police Department

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

Police Chief William Kosh spoke to the Governing Body. He stated his appreciation and updated on improvements over the past 12 months. They’ve been able to accomplish a great deal thanks to the working relationship with the Governing Body, and stated these accomplishments are shared with them such as the Police Accreditation, implementation of K9 program, reestablishment of Neighborhood Watch, new lighting and security in Center Homes, brought a new Domestic Violence awareness seminar to the community, improved communication between ourselves, established Employee Assistance Program, partnered with Prosecutors Office for Blue Hope, improved our efficiency with OEM and Fire, and improved relationships with the school and teachers with our COPS program. He stated his appreciation to all for their assistance with these accomplishments and is looking forward to following up on all these things. Thank you.

Resolution 2020-79

Approving Council Minutes of February 10, 2020

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

Resolution 2020-80

Authorizing Request For Qualifications for Wireless Infrastructure Services

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

Resolution 2020-81

Authorizing a Contract between the Borough of South Toms River and Borough Administrator

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

Resolution 2020-82

Supporting the Siting of the Fourth Army Corps Headquarters at Joint Base McGuire-Dix Lakehurst, New Jersey

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

Resolution 2020-83 Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the Current Year 2019 Budget Appropriations

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2020-85 Authorizing Executive Session for Purposes of Attorney-Client Privilege and Contract Negotiations

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

BILL LIST

Resolution 2020-84

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

Public Comment was opened again

Police Chief William Kosh provided an update on SAMI’s Law, requesting ride-share signs to be posted in areas that rideshare would be utilized.

George Rutzler, 8 Easy St, stated potential options for placing the aforementioned signs in town such as Dover Road; off the parkway, coming out of Beachwood, at the Wawa.

Kevin McCormack addressed the Governing Body, and mentioned the need to have an agreement with local vendors for emergency purposes during a State of Emergency. This would be as-needed, and for FEMA events.

Motion to Close Public Comment: Mosley, seconded by Murray, and Council consent.

The Council was in agreement about the importance of the law.

COUNCIL & LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Taylor: Movie Night is tentatively planned for March 20th, and is working with the school for a licensing approval. Plans are in the works for a Mother/Daughter, Father/Daughter Dance. Youth Day is planned for May 23rd. Homework has grown, and currently has 42 kids in attendance.

Councilman Fennell: Addressing lighting at Center Street playground, and looking to improve the fence area.

Councilman Murray: Attended the First Aid Installation Dinner, and thanked Chief Krohn for a great event. He is working with Councilman Fennell on the lighting at Center Street, in addition to improving South Main lighting, in addition to cleaning the underbrush.

Councilman Ross: There is a once a week CERT Court, lasting 3 months, and is every Thursday. He attended the First Aid Installation, and stated the squad is doing a great job. The Board of Education Teacher of the Year is Erin Richie. He also attended the NJ League of Municipalities' Budget Seminar. Additionally, he mentioned that Senior Bingo For Fun is this Sunday.

Councilman Rolzhausen: The Police Unity Fundraiser went great. There was a Land Use Board Meeting, a Police Committee meeting in which he was updated about a successful K-9 tracking. There is an upcoming Neighborhood Watch meeting. He also gave kudos to Jim Richardson on his work with Code Enforcement.

Mayor Handshy went to a Board of Education meeting with all the Mayors from Beachwood, Toms River, and Pine Beach, to discuss the school funding formula. This is something to really worry about, with alarming cuts for all kids and parents who live in the district. I called up four Senators to discuss the effects on our kids. They are talking about cutting after-school programs, and kids these these scholastic programs. I also sent out a robocall. I everyone called the Governor's Office to express their concern. This bill is flawed and needs to be fixed. These have a School Funding Fairness Committee that doesn't even have people appointed to the state committee. This is a bi-partisan issue. This is something that affects our kids. Our cost per student is lower, and yet they still say we don't tax enough. At the sametime, they are saying they want to provide property tax relief. I hope all do their part. He went on a tour to JCP&L at the Bell Labs. It was quite impressive on how they operate. He also attended a Sewerage Authority to discuss their rental agreement; attended a Land Use Board meeting, EMS Installation Dinner, and STAR Student breakfast at the STRE. There is also an upcoming meeting with the County Road Department to fix several aspects in town, one includes a guardrail at Center Street, and traffic timing at Dover Rd.

OLD BUSINESS

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

The Borough Administrator/Clerk provided an up on upcoming roadwork on Chamberlain, anticipating advertising for bids within the next couple of weeks, with the intent to receive bids the week of March 23 and award the contract in early April. This would allow issuance of a Notice to Proceed on or about May 1st. As for NJ Natural Gas, they stated they have the project plans being put together now and hope to

start construction by mid-March, so meeting our timeframe should not be an issue.

The Borough Administrator/Clerk provided an up on upcoming roadwork on Double Trouble drainage improvements in the area of Brook Forest Drive and Garden Court Intersections. Earle will be installing 132 linear feet of pip, 4 new inlets and the reconstruction of 2 existing inlets. Construction iw anticipated mid march/april. We are awaiting construction plans. They recognize the busy roadway, and have a possibility of working on some portions at night to limit traffic.

Motion to adjourn: Mosley, seconded by Taylor, and Council consent.

Adjournment @ 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Borough Administrator/Clerk

Gregory Handshy, Mayor