

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
MARCH 23, 2020, 7:00 PM**

Mayor Handshy opened the meeting with a Flag Salute.

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 Borough website (southtomsriver.org) as well as facebook. The Borough Clerk encouraged anyone participating online to “raise their hand” so that we can include them during Public Comment.

ROLL CALL:

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

Excusing: Councilman Taylor 1st: Murray 2nd: Fennell, and Council consent.
Councilwoman Mosley was recognized by teleconference

Mayor Handshy stated that many things have unfortunately been cancelled due to the health pandemic. Large gatherings and recreation events are cancelled indefinitely.

Senior Bingo For Fun is cancelled as well; anything related to the Recreation Center.

Chief Kosh provided updates on Police operations and coordination with the Office of Emergency Management. The Police Department remains in 100% state of operational readiness. We’ve had no exposures or contaminations to report at this time. We scaled back officer-related, self-initiated activities to limit the potential exposure to police and Borough employees and public. We Are utilizing conference calls as much as possible. The Health Department provides daily updates. Notifications are used within the police to identify potential exposures. There are 41 cases, 149 in ocean county to date. The Health Dept is having a soft opening on Wednesday. You are required to have a doctor's note to get tested. Health updates are on the facebook page. OEM has extended 8am to 11pm. There is no National Guard activity in Ocean County. No need for Local Emergency at this time. The Attorney General provides updates to policy guidance as well. We are facing challenges but we are ahead of the curve and communicating well. He then explained how the fogging machine works.

EMS Chief Krohn is staffing ambulances as best they can; employers are restricting volunteers. Squad is only transporting to Community Medical unless there is a specific reason. We are backing up other towns as best we can. Almost half our call volume is backup via mutual aid out of town. Don't be alarmed if you call and we show up in gowns and PPE. We are exposed to all kinds of things, and we are being extra cautious during this time. We may ask that you put on gloves or masks. We will not be transporting family members in the ambulance unless its pediatric, or other limited cases. We are short on PPE just as everyone else. He stated that anyone looking to donate can go to the website and contact the Chief: strfas.org. Any members getting ill are told to contact the Chief and they will be placed out by the Chief. Due to the State and National emergency, there is no transportation for a-symptomatic matters.

Councilman Rolzhausen asked about the amount of calls: Chief Krohn stated that many increase in calls

are mutual aid based on covid10 health symptoms. The EMS is not being told directly if they are a positive. It goes to the PD, then they tag the household. There could be days after exposure until they are informed of contact with a positive case.

Mayor thanked Chief Kosh and Chief Krohn for their efforts, information, and is encouraged that we will all get through this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Seeing no public comments

Close Public Comment: Murray 2nd: Ross, and full Council consent.

2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution 2020-103

Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

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

ORDINANCE 2020-2 CALENDAR YEAR 2020 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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

INTRODUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET

As most of you know, thank you all for your great attendance during the Municipal Budget meeting. We have presented an \$18 increase in taxes for the average home. The increase is more due to the SLEO III to assist the Toms River Board of Education. There are some inclusions for police, debt payments

Resolution 2020-104

Approving the Introduction of the 2020 Municipal Budget

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

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 2020-95 Approving Council Minutes of March 9, 2020
- Resolution 2020-96 Authorizing The Borough to Enter Into Agreements For Emergency Snow and Debris Removal Services with LJH
- Resolution 2020-97 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program (Belmont and Ardmore) proposal
- Resolution 2020-98 Declaring a State of Emergency for the Borough of South Toms River
- Resolution 2020-99 Authorizing a Stipend to Judith Woolley for Police Secretarial Services
- Resolution 2020-100 Authorizing the F.A.S.T Agreement
- Resolution 2020-101 Opposing New Jersey Turnpike Rate Increases
- Resolution 2020-102 Amending an Agreement with Toms River Regional School District

The following resolution was requested to be removed and voted on separately:

Roll Call

Resolution 2020-98 Declaring a State of Emergency for the Borough of South Toms River
Motion to Table

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

Consent Roll Call

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

BILL LIST

Resolution 2020-105 Approving March Bill List

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

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Murray stated he spoke with the JCP&L representative and the Center Homes Lighting upgrades are in-process. This will take some time, however the process and ordering has been initiated.

The Borough Administrator stated that all of the Neighborhood Watch Sign have been replaced by the Department of Public Works, and thanked them.

Island Heights stated that they are willing to assist with providing some public works employees for the 2017 CDBG Mathis Pavilion project. The timeframe will depend on the current health pandemic timeline.

Chief Kosh updated the public that the Police Department has received Final Board Review and approval of being an Accredited Police Department.

The Governing Body congratulated him, and look forward to the public presentation of the accreditation.

Seeing no question or further business, Councilman Murray motioned to close Public Comment, second by Councilman Ross and council consent.

Motion to Adjourn: Mosley, seconded by Councilman Fennell, and Council consent.

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Borough Adminsitrator/Clerk

Mayor Handshy