

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER  
REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 8, 2021, 7:00 PM**

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

The Borough Administrator/Clerk read the 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 20, 2020, and sent for republication for virtual meetings on January 21, 2021 with the following link and ID: <https://zoom.us/j/99833261382>, Meeting ID: 998 3326 1382

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Handshy read the following proclamation honoring March as National Womens' History Month:

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER  
PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING MARCH AS NATIONAL WOMENS' HISTORY MONTH**

**Whereas**, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

**Whereas**, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

**Whereas**, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

**Whereas**, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation;

**Whereas**, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

**Whereas**, American women have served our country courageously in the military;

**Whereas**, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**Whereas**, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

**Whereas**, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress designated March as "Women's History Month, and call upon the people of the United

States to observe March as Women’s History Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Toms River, hereby recognize and celebrate the month of March as Women’s History Month

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Mayor Gregory Handshy

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Seeing no public comments

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

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

CFO, Stephen Galagher provided a brief overview of the proposed 2021 Municipal Budget. He discussed tax collection, revenue, and the possibility of changing the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes to reduce the amount of taxes per household.

Councilman Rolzhausen asked if using surplus would be an option.

The Borough CFO stated that it is a similar process of using surplus and would produce the same result. He was directed by the Governing Body to provide some updates for them to consider in the future.

**RESOLUTIONS  
CONSENT AGENDA**

The Borough Administrator/Clerk read the Consent Agenda statement, following by reading the Resolutions by Title.

The following is considered routine by the Borough of South Toms River. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, then the item will be removed from consent and considered separately.

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| Resolution 2021-84 | Accepting William Britton’s Resignation from the South Toms River Sewerage Authority  |
| Resolution 2021-85 | Authorizing Participation in the FY 2021 SAFE and SECURE Grant  |
| Resolution 2021-86 | Authorizing an Agreement Between the Borough of South Toms River to Designate a Representative Under Civil Service Appointing Authority for the Purpose of Conducting Departmental Disciplinary Hearings as Per NJAC 4A:2-2.6 |
| Resolution 2021-87 | Authorizing Offsite Raffle Application 2021-01 for the South Toms River Optimist Club   |
| Resolution 2021-88 | Authorizing Blue Front Technology Group Inc Under Professional Services for Consulting Services for the Solicitation of IT Managed Services and Unified Communication Services in an Amount Not To Exceed \$2,500             |
| Resolution 2021-89 | Authorizing the Solicitation for Request for Professional Services for Unified Communication Services   |
| Resolution 2021-90 | Authorizing the Solicitation for Request for Professional Services for IT Managed Services  |
| Resolution 2021-91 | Approving the Council Minutes of February 22, 2021  |
| Resolution 2021-92 | Authorizing the Resolicitation of Borough Prosecutor Request for Professional Services for CY 2021  |

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Borough Administrator mentioned the following events, and hopes to work with Departments to showcase information to the public. First Responders Week 4/18-24 & NJ Local Government week, April 18-24, 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Borough Administrator stated that neighboring towns are planning to have events, however July 4 is still pending. Overall, the Borough is in the infancy stages of events due to the pandemic.

Mayor Handsy nominated Debra Di Donato, replacing John Brown on the Land Use Board.

Councilwoman Moslehy nominated John Laberto to the Sewerage Authority.

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		Fennell	x			
x		Mosley	x			
		Murray	x			
	x	Rolzhausen	x			
		Rutzler		x		
		Taylor		x		

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sandy Ross asked if the Uncollected Taxes were specified in the proposed budget?

The CFO answered, stating that we used a 92% collection rate in the proposed budget.

Council consent to close public comment.

**Motion to adjourn:Fennell 2nd: Mosley, and Council consent.  
ADJOURNMENT@ 8:30pm**

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Joseph Kostecki, Borough Administrator/Clerk

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Gregory Handsy, Mayor