

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 7:00 P.M.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

MAYOR CRADLE ASKED TO OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE VICTIMS INVOLVED IN A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Cradle, Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross, Councilwoman Mosley, Councilwoman Rolzhausen

Also present were Christopher Dasti, Dasti & Staiger, and Christopher Santiago, Business Administrator

OPEN PUBLIC LAW STATEMENT MEETING

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. NJSA 10:4-6. This meeting of September 9 2024 was included in a list of meetings notice sent to the Asbury Park Press on November 27, 2023 and advertised in said newspaper and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Councilman Murray made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Ross.

Aye: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross, Councilwoman Mosley, Councilwoman Rolzhausen

Nay: None

Absent: None

The meeting is now open to the public. Members of the public are free to make statements to the Governing Body. Each participant is limited to three minutes per person. The Chair of the meeting will advise the speaker once their time is concluded.

Carolos Almanzar was at Crabbe Road and said they we fireworks scattered throughout and complained the ducks were hocking on the fireworks. Chief Schneidt and Councilman Ross explained that they were flares

Owners from 20 Hummel Drive were concerned about no crossing guard at Duke /Chamberlain Drive

Chief Schneidt stated that there has been no crossing guard at that location and owners asked for consideration for a crossing guard be placed at the 4 way stop at Chamberlain/Applegate Drive.

Resident named Alexis complained about no crossing guard at the Duke Drive location for the students

Mike Parks mentioned the situation and stated that there is no crossing guard at the location on Duke Drive and the former crossing guard was stationed there to not allow vehicles to go down Duke Drive during the times the students were going to the Elementary School.

Just Believe spoke about the possibility of receiving a donation of the Borough Van to be used for the homeless program that Just Believe runs and was very thankful for any consideration.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

Councilman Rolzhausen made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Ross.

Aye: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross,
Councilwoman Mosely, Councilwoman Rolzhausen
Nay: None
Absent: None

Mayor Cradle and Council members presented a plaque to William Kosh for his years of dedication to the Borough of South Toms River.

Councilwoman Tanya Mosley announced her resignation effective Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Mayor Cradle and Council members thanked Councilwoman Mosely for her dedication to the Community and presented her with a Proclamation.

Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Rolzhausen to go into recess
Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilwoman Rolzhausen to go back into public meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 22, 2024

Councilman Fennell made a motion to approve the minutes from August 26, 2024, seconded by Councilman Ross.

Aye: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross,
Councilwoman Mosley, Councilwoman Rolzhausen
Nay: None
Absent: None

ORDINANCE 2024-11 (2nd Reading/Public hearing) AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15-1 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "EXCAVATIONS IN STREETS"

Councilwoman Rolzhasuen made a motion to open public hearing and Councilman Rolzhausen seconded. No public comment was made. Councilman Fennell made a motion to close public hearing and was seconded by Councilman Ross.

Councilman Fennel made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Ross to table Ordinance 2024-11 to obtain further information concerning the Ordinance. Ordinance 2024-11 was tabled.

ORDINANCE 2024-12 (2nd Reading/Public hearing) ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MODEL 600 SWEEPER FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER AND APPRPRIATING \$30,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Councilman Murray made a motion to made a motion to open public hearing and was seconded by Councilman Ross. No comment from public, Councilman Ross motioned to close public hearing and was seconded by Councilwoman Mosley.

Councilman Murray made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Ross Mayor Cradle stated that the Borough was able to purchase this sweeper through a grant and shared services with the Borough of Beachwood.

Aye: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross, Councilwoman Mosley, Councilwoman Rolzhausen

Nay: None

Absent: None

ORDIANCE 2024-13 (1ST reading by title only) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDNG FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2024f-150 POLICE SUPER CREW CAR FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER AND APPROPRIATING \$ 63,487 FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

Councilwoman Mosley made motion and was seconded by Councilman Murray

Aye: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross, Councilwoman Mosley, Councilwoman Rolzhausen

Nay: None

Absent: None

2nd and Public hearing will be on September 23, 2024

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Citta, Superintendent of the Toms River Regional School district as well as Asst Superintendent Cara DiMeo and Bill Doering, Business Administrator spoke about the budgeting issues for the school district.

The Budget is short 12 million dollars and the school district is looking to bridge the gap. The Toms River Regional School has cut 350 jobs but will not cut any programs for the students. Class sizes at the elementary level are in the 20's, intermediate schools class size is in the 30's, and high school class size are in the high 30's. There was concern about closing of schools and Mike Citta mentioned that the State cannot close a school unless the district does not pay their bills. Concerning South Toms River elementary school, that school was built with federal money and is considered a Community Education School. Also, South Toms River Elementary school is a Title 1 school which receives federal funding. Special Education has increased 300% and our schools are at capacity Mr. Citta remarked that the district needs to find \$ 12.4 million to support the budget. Mayor Cradle thank the Superintendent for coming to the meeting and for keeping the Mayor and Council informed with the situati

OPEN 2ND PUBLIC SESSION

Councilman Rolzhausen made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Ross.

Aye: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross,
Councilwoman Mosley, Councilwoman Rolzhausen
Nay: None
Absent: None

Krista Whittaker, asked about the class size at South Toms River Elementary School and the building size for the occupants in the building. Asst Superintendent Cara DiMeo stated the Elementary school has a student population of 300 this school year.

CLOSE 2ND PUBLIC SESSION

Councilman Murray made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Ross.

Aye: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross.
Councilwoman Mosley, Councilwoman Rolzhausen
Nay: None
Absent: None

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the governing body, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Resolution 2024-131 Appointing Chief of Police to Michael Schneidt

Resolution 2024-132 Establishing an Honorary Veterans Parking Program

Resolution 2024-133 Authorizing the award of the Alfred Road and Worth Street Road Improvement Project

Councilman Rolzhausen motioned and was seconded by Councilman Murray to have Resolution 2024-131 pulled from Consent Agenda.

Councilman Murray motioned and was seconded by Councilman Rolzhausen to approve Resolution 2024-131.

Aye: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross,
Councilwoman Mosley, Councilwoman Rolzhausen
Nay: None
Absent: None

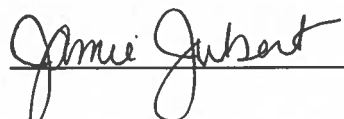
Consent Agenda Resolutions 2024-132 and 2024-133 were approved

Aye: Councilman Fennell, Councilman Murray, Councilman Rolzhausen, Councilman Ross,
Councilwoman Mosley, Councilwoman Rolzhausen
Nay: None
Absent: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Toms River have determined to enter in to closed session in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 10:4-12b - Any pending, ongoing or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation, including attorney-client privilege. The public will be informed of the discussion within forty-five days of the conclusion (NJSA 10:413)

No executive session was needed

ADJOURNMENT  **TIME: 8:15pm**

Jamie Jubert, CMR, Acting Municipal Cler, Borough of South Toms River