

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH
OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER

A Regular Meeting of Council of the Borough of South Toms River was held at the Borough Hall on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Those present were Mayor Champagne; Councilmen Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams. Also present Solicitor Tarver

Absent: Clerk Silvestri (at a seminar)

Notice of this meeting was given to the Asbury Park Press on December 6, 2012 and notices were posted on the bulletin boards in the Clerk's Office and Meeting Room on said date.

Mayor Champagne stated, "Let the record reflect that the Clerk is not present tonight and did indicate that she would not be present and proposed two (2) individuals to act in her stead and will ask Council to take official action."

A motion was made by Councilman Murray seconded by Councilman Reevey appointing Ernest Hemmann, just for tonight, to proceed in the absence of the Clerk who is attending a seminar.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Murray seconded by Councilman Sykes to approve the December 10, 2012 Caucus Meeting Minutes and the December 10, 2012 Closed Session Minutes.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Sykes, Williams ABSTAIN: Handshy, Murray, Reevey

Record will reflect that Councilman Reevey originally seconded the motion for the December 10, 2012 Caucus Meeting Minutes and December 10, 2012 Closed Session Minutes but was advised to withdraw his second as he was not a member of Council when the meetings were held.

A motion was made by Councilman Cradle seconded by Councilman Sykes to approve the December 17, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes and the December 17, 2012 Closed Session Minutes.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Sykes, Williams ABSTAIN: Handshy, Murray, Reevey

A motion was made by Councilman Cradle seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following ordinances on first reading:

#1-13

WHEREAS, the South Toms River Borough finds it in the interest of public safety to designate Brook Forest Drive as a Through Street pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39: 4-8 and 39:4-140;
WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has submitted and certified all the legislative requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8, and the criteria as set forth by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) has been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough of South Toms River in the County of Ocean and in the State of New Jersey, that Brook Forest Drive shall be designated as

Through Street pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8 and 39:4-140 under the Municipal Engineer's certification & Seal and License Number 29658 as follows:

The following streets or parts of streets are hereby designated as Cross Streets; Stop signs shall be installed on the near right side of each street intersecting the Through Street, Brook Forest Drive, except where Yield signs are provided for in the designation.

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Limits/Approach Direction</u>
Alfred Road	Southbound Approach
Cornell Road	Southbound Approach
Citadel Street	Southbound Approach
Carnegie Street	Southbound Approach
Brandies Road	Southbound Approach
Baylor Street	Southbound Approach
Bucknell Drive	Southbound Approach
Colgate Drive	Southbound Approach
Annapolis Road	Southbound Approach
Amherst Road	Southbound Approach
Adelphi Road	Southbound Approach

Penalties: Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey Statute, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to the penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) days or both.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and upon the installation of the required signs and pavement markings.

#2-13

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of South Toms River finds it in the interest of public safety to designate Easy Street and Drexel Drive as a Stop Intersection pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer has submitted and certified all the legislative requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8, and the criteria as set forth by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) has been met;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough of South Toms River in the County of Ocean and the State of New Jersey, that the intersection Easy Street and Drexel Drive shall be designed as a Stop Intersection pursuant to N.J.S.A 39:4-8 under the Municipal Engineer's certification & Seal and License Number GE#29658 as follows:

Multi-Way Stop Intersection:

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-140 the intersection described is hereby designated as a Stop Intersection.

<u>Intersection</u>	<u>Stop Signs On:</u>
Easy Street and Drexel Drive	Easy Street

Penalties: Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey Statute, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to the penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) days or both.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and upon the installation of the required signs and pavement markings.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Cradle seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the

following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING THE PRESIDENT AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO APPROVE 90 PERCENT FEMA REIMBURSEMENT FOR MUNICIPALITIES AFFECTED BY HURRICANE SANDY

WHEREAS, many municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey have been devastated by Hurricane Sandy; and
WHEREAS, Ocean County, in particular, has been significantly impacted by the results of the storm; and
WHEREAS, the severity of the storm has had a significant fiscal impact on Ocean County municipalities, including the Borough of South Toms River; and
WHEREAS, reimbursement eligibility for the municipalities is limited to 75% of eligible costs; and
WHEREAS, the remaining 25% represents a significant figure to be borne by local taxpayers further contributing to the detriment of the local economy, which relies a great deal on Summer tourism; and
WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River hereby urges the President and Federal Government to approve the increase of FEMA reimbursement to 90% of all eligible costs for Hurricane Sandy related expenses.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 22nd day of January, 2013, by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Toms River, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, to urge the President and the Federal Government to approve the increase of FEMA reimbursement to 90% of all eligible cost for Hurricane Sandy related expenses.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Senators and Representatives of the State of New Jersey, the Governor of New Jersey, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and all Ocean County Municipalities.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Reevey, Sykes, Williams ABSTAIN: Murray

A motion was made by Councilman Murray seconded by Councilman Cradle for a resolution authorizing the Borough of South Toms River to renew its CDL Test Program provided by Diagnostic Testing Services.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Cradle seconded by Councilman Murray for a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the 2013 Municipal Alliance Agreement.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Murray seconded by Councilman Cradle for a resolution approving the following companies to be the official towing companies for the Borough for the year 2013:

- a. Grasso Towing, Inc.
- b. Jersey Shore Towing
- c. Price Rite Towing, Inc.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

Councilman Cradle inquired why there was no action taken on the Tax Resolutions that were listed in the agenda prior to this point.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray seconded by Councilman Cradle for a resolution authorizing the Borough to participate the new Audiometric & Respiratory Test Program with the JIF.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Cradle seconded by Councilman Murray for a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Change Order for the Lakeview Drive Road Improvement project in the amount of (-3,364.33).

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Cradle seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following Tax Resolutions (4):

1.

WHEREAS, the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00003 on Block 17.04 Lot 5 assessed to Betty Harris has been made in the office of the Tax Collector and it is necessary to reimburse the lienholder.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Toms River that a check in the amount of \$2,134.09 to be issued to US Bank Cust for Pro Cap II LLC, U.S. Bank TLSG, 50 S 16th Street, Suite 1950 Philadelphia, PA 19102. Representing Redemption in the amount of \$2,034.09 and Premium of \$100.00.

2.

WHEREAS, prior to the Tax Sale payment was made to the Tax Collector in the amount of \$186.39 on Block 17.03 Lot 4, commonly known as 106 Belmont Drive.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector needs to remit funds to the South Toms River Sewerage Authority in the amount of \$186.39.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Toms River that a check in the amount of \$186.39 issued to the South Toms River Sewerage Authority, 148 Mill Street, South Toms River, NJ 08757.

3.

WHEREAS, at the Tax Sale held December 13, 2012 seven sewer liens were sold to Outside Lien Holder. Payment was made to the Collector in the amount of \$115.47 on Block 8.03 Lot 6 commonly known as 33 Lakeview Dr., \$233.39 on Block 17.05 Lot 5 commonly known as 113 Deauville Ave., \$188.45 on Block 19.01 Lot 21 commonly known as 107 Fairway Dr., \$40.43 on Block 20.26 Lot 6 commonly known as 132 Attison Ave., \$588.36 Block 21.02 Lot 17 commonly known as 29 Adelphi Rd., 186.07 Block 21.12 Lot 15 commonly known as 9 Colgate Dr., \$526.68 Block 21.15 Lot 35 commonly known as 31 Brandies Rd.

WHEREAS, the Collect needs to remit these funds to the South Toms River Sewerage Authority in the amount of \$1,878.85.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Toms River, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows: A check in the amount of \$1,878.85 to be issued to South Toms River Sewerage Authority, 148 Mill Street, South Toms River, NJ 08757.

4.

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute 40A:-17.1 subsection b, permits the governing body of a municipality to adopt a resolution authorizing a municipal employee to process without further action on the part of the governing body, the cancellation of any property tax delinquency or refund of less that \$10.00.

WHEREAS, the Collector currently has amounts affecting several prior years and will minimal

amounts affecting current and future years and is desirous of canceling these amounts expeditiously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Toms River, County of Ocean and in the State of New Jersey as follows, the Borough of South Toms River authorizes the Tax Collector to process, without further action on the part of the governing body, the cancellation of any property tax delinquency or refund of less than \$10.00.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Cradle seconded by Councilman Williams for a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement between the Borough and Suplee, Clooney & Company for services as Borough Auditor for the year 2013.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Williams seconded by Councilman Sykes for a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement between the Borough and John Ducey, Esq. for services as Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2013 with the correction of the rate of service to \$550.00 per day.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Williams seconded by Councilman Reevey for a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement between the Borough and the following Professionals for services for the year 2013:

- a) John Hudak, Esq. – Bonding Counselor
- b) Charles Tivenan, Esq. – Public Defender
- c) Chris Theodos of Maser Consulting – Borough Engineer

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle (with the exception of the Engineer's contract), Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Cradle seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River wishes to enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Ocean Police services, **Prosecutor's Program**; and
WHEREAS, the **Prosecutor's Program** is a traffic safety program (formerly known as the Fatal Accident Support Team, F.A.S.T.), by the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for the purpose of assisting in the investigation, prosecution of fatal accident in traffic enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Program receives funding from the County of Ocean; and
WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Office and the Municipality have determined it to be in their mutual interest for the Municipality to designate certain police officers to be assigned to the Prosecutor's Program; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq., authorizes local units as defined in the Act to enter into joint agreements for the provision of governmental services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of South Toms River, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, wishes to enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Ocean Police Services, Prosecutor's Program.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Cradle seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River wishes to enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Ocean Police services, **Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program**; and

WHEREAS, the **Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program** (D.W.I.E.P.) is a traffic safety program run by the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for the purpose of identifying and removing Intoxicated drivers from the roadways; and

WHEREAS, the **D.W.I.E.P.** receives funding from the State of New Jersey and the County of Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Office and the Municipality have determined it to be in their mutual interest for the Municipality to designate certain police officers to be assigned to the **D.W.I.E.P.**; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq., authorizes local units as defined in the Act to enter into joint agreements for the provision of governmental services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of South Toms River, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, wishes to enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Ocean Police Services, **Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program**.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

At this time, the Mayor presented the Borough Attorney's contract for approval.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Borough Attorney's contract and the presentation of items for the agenda on the night of the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Williams seconded by Councilman Sykes for a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement between the Borough and Robert Tarver, Esq. for services as Borough Attorney for the year 2013.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Sykes, Williams
AGAINST: Cradle, Murray, Reevey ABSTAIN: Handshy

Mayor Champagne stated, "The reason why I presented this contract is that like the others, it had already been approved. We can table it. We can revisit it later tonight because it is important that we move on it for the purpose of further negotiations regarding contracts coming up for Borough employees. I will table the next resolution I presented to the Council to the end of the meeting, as well.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray seconded by councilman Cradle granting permission for the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Jersey Shore Base to hold their meetings at the Borough Hall on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 pm.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Murray seconded by Councilman Cradle granting permission for the Multiple Sclerosis Society to ride through the Borough during their annual Bike MS "Coast the Coast" Bike ride on Saturday, May 18, 2013.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A discussion was held regarding the appointment of a Code Enforcement Officer.

A motion was made by Councilman Williams seconded by Councilman Sykes appointing James Richardson as Code Enforcement Officer.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Sykes, Williams
AGAINST: Cradle, Murray ABSTAIN: Handshy, Reevey

Record will reflect that the Mayor broke the tie with his affirmative vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Reevey seconded by Councilman Murray to appoint Cynthia Lynch as Deputy OEM Coordinator.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

After a lengthy discussion regarding the appointment to the South Toms River Sewerage Authority, Councilman Handshy stated that he is going to respectfully resign his appointment as Chairman of the South Toms River Sewerage Authority in favor of Mr. William Britton, who he feels has done a good job serving as Chairman for the past fifteen (15) years.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray seconded by Councilman Cradle to approve the January voucher list in the amount of \$775,689.51 in accordance with the certification provided by the Chief Financial Officer and attested to by the Chief Financial Officer.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes (with the exception of the line items for the Deputy Tax Collector and the Registrar), Williams

Monthly reports were given by each Councilman in their respective departments.

Public Comments:

Robert Krohn, Chief, South Toms River First Aid Squad – The new ambulance has a 2011 chassis. It is state of the art with good safety features. We still have the old ambulance making for a total of three (3) ambulances and one (1) First Responder unit. The oldest ambulance will be stored outside, but we have options for bad weather storage for it and are looking into having a tent like the one they have at Mike's Riverside Auto. There is a lot of reflective striping on the new ambulance. Safety is a high priority for me. This year is the 50th Anniversary of South Toms River First Aid Squad. It was started on June 28, 1963. We are planning a Summer B-B-Q and the Governing Body will be invited. Out of the twenty-five (25) volunteers on the squad about eight (8) are from the Borough.

Kevin McCormack, OEM Coordinator – Settled with JIF on the damage to the Recreation Building. There were two (2) check issued. We want to use the funds for supplies and Councilman Murray, the Community Club and OEM do the work themselves. Want Council approval to do this. Going to see a letter from the State of NJ, Dept. of Law & Public Safety referencing the 966 Grant used to purchase signs. Did the Mayor get the e-mail about appointing someone for the hazardous mitigation program? It's a paid position up to \$25.00. It is up to the Council who to appoint someone of their own choosing or have Bill Gleason continue to go. Need a Council member to propose a resolution. Met with FEMA today. During the storm, the emergency situation, the DEP and FEMA approved LJH Landscaping to do our debris and bulk removal without a contract. FEMA will pay the bill they just want a resolution saying we gave LJH the job. Without the resolution, we won't get reimbursed. Have Rosetto sending me the receipts for their trips to the landfill. Certain amount of money back to the town. Thank you for appointing the 3rd Deputy for OEM. Thank you for your support.

A motion was made by Councilman Murray seconded by Councilman Reevey to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF LJH LANDSCAPING AND LAWCARE FOR EMERGENCY BULK DEBRIS REMOVAL AS NECESSITATED BY HURRICANE SANDY

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Toms River and its residents sustained significant damage and loss as a consequence of Hurricane Sandy on or about October 29, 2012, resulting in significant amounts of debris; and,
WHEREAS, inasmuch as the debris posted a health and safety hazard to the residents of South

Toms River, the Borough of South Toms River Office of Emergency Management was in need of emergency bulk debris removal services to address the problem of excessive debris in the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, LJH Landscaping and Lawncare possessed the necessary capability to provide emergency bulk debris removal services in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Sandy; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA) has agreed to reimburse the Borough of South Toms River for any and all funds expended in its use of LJH Landscaping and Lawncare for bulk debris removal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of South Toms River approves the emergency use of LJH Landscaping and Lawncare for the removal of bulk debris subject to the above mentioned conditions and at the rates supplied in the attached documentation.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

Mayor Champagne asked the Council for approval to purchase a plaque for the Tzu Chi Foundation to thank them for the aid they provided in the Borough and Ocean County after Hurricane Sandy.

A motion was made by Councilman Williams seconded by Councilman Sykes authorizing the Mayor to purchase a plaque, not to exceed \$100.00, for the Tzu Chi Foundation to thank them for the aid that they provided in the Borough and Ocean County after Hurricane Sandy.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

Barbara Englehardt, 105 Dittmar Drive – Wanted to ask about the traffic light at Dover Road and South Main Street. Could we have a sign put up there “No Right Turn on Red” because it’s hard to see around the corner and it’s dangerous.

William Gleason, 19 Long Drive – Sunday, January 27th at 3:00 pm – Senior Program – All adults and seniors welcome. We are in need of an Alliance Coordinator. The present Coordinator is stepping down. Toms River Alliance Coordinator may step in. Are there any preliminary budget documents available and any budget meetings planned? What about the sign on Chamberlain Street and Duke Drive? On page 4 of 21 – 4 DVD/R in the police section – Is that 4 disks or 4 boxes of disks? On page 18 of 21 – About the cost of the speed humps – is that 1 for \$13,000.00 or more?

A motion was made by Councilman Williams seconded by Councilman Sykes to approve the following resolution:

BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER THANKING TZU CHI FOUNDATION FOR THEIR COMPASSIONATE RELIEF EFFORTS IN SOUTH TOMS RIVER AND OCEAN COUNTY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Tzu Chi Foundation (hereinafter “Tzu Chi”) is a non-profit, non-governmental humanitarian organization in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC). The foundation focuses on four major missions: charity, medicine, education, and humanistic culture.

WHEREAS, Tzu Chi also engages in international disaster relief, bone marrow donation, community volunteerism, and environmental protection.

WHEREAS, “Tzu Chi” means “compassion and relief.”

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, Hurricane Sandy took center stage in our lives when this nearly 1,000 mile wide ferocious super storm system hit New Jersey and New York leaving on its path death, destruction and disruption.

WHEREAS, South Toms River experienced widespread power outage and flooding, particularly on Flint Road and part of South Main Street, causing severe structural damages,

property loss and food spoilage.

WHEREAS, in less than 24 hours after Sandy, on October 31, 2012, a representative of Tzu Chi Foundation called Mayor Joseph Makhandal Champagne, Jr. to offer their helping hands to our residents affected by hurricane Sandy. Upon conferring with our local leadership, including our local Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Coordinator, Kevin McCormack, Police Chief, Andrew Izatt, along with some members of council, we quickly accepted Tzu Chi's generous offer.

WHEREAS, the next day, Mr. Steven Wu, a New Jersey volunteer of Tzu Chi and their media crew met at Borough Hall with our leadership, including our Mayor and OEM Coordinator to discuss a wide scale strategy to identify and serve those affected residents.

WHEREAS, accompanied with our OEM Coordinator and Mayor, Tzu Chi toured the worst affected areas in South Toms River and then we ventured out to visit other surrounding towns, such as Beachwood, Toms River, Pelican Island, Seaside Heights, Bayville in Berkeley Township. We met with several Mayors and Police Chiefs of those respective towns to introduce Tzu Chi's help and assistance to their qualified residents.

WHEREAS, on Saturday, November 10, 2012, under the leadership of their founder, Dharma Master Cheng Yen, Tzu Chi chose South Toms River as their very first distribution site in Ocean County. One hundred and two (102) Tzu Chi volunteers from Mid-Atlantic Region, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and even Pittsburgh reported to our South Toms River Elementary School with an immeasurable amount of compassion and discipline that brought tears of joy in many eyes.

WHEREAS, Tzu Chi distributed much needed blankets, food and cash cards averaging \$600.00 per qualified households in South Toms River and other municipalities.

WHEREAS, South Toms River is very grateful and thankful for the compassion and care displayed by Tzu Chi in Ocean County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Toms River of the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey express their sincere thanks and gratitude to Tzu Chi for their compassion during their relief efforts in South Toms River and Ocean County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to Tzu Chi and other municipalities in Ocean County.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle (with an understanding of the procedures), Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Murray seconded by Councilman Reevey to enter into Executive Session for a litigation matter.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

A motion was made by Councilman Cradle seconded by Councilman Sykes to adjourn this meeting.

The following roll call was taken: FOR: Councilman Cradle, Handshy, Murray, Reevey, Sykes, Williams

Approved:

Joseph M. Champagne, Jr., Mayor

Elizabeth Silvestri, Clerk