

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 8, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of South Toms River was held at the Borough Hall on Monday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m

Moment of silence

Mayor Joseph Champagne observed the moment of silence.

Salute to flag

Mayor Joseph Champagne led the flag salute

Notice of meeting:

Rayna E. Harris, Temporary Deputy Clerk read the following statement; This meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press on December 6, 2012: 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

Present: Councilmen: Oscar Cradle, Gregory Handshy, Edward Murray, Ernest Reeve, Marvin Sykes, and Donald William
Absent: None
Also Present: Mayor Joseph Champagne; Rovert L. Tarver, Jr., Esq., Attorney; Chris A. Theodos, Engineer; Stephen Gallagher, Chief Financial Officer and Rayna E. Harris, Temporary Municipal Borough Clerk

PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS: NONE

INTERVIEWS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: NONE

MINUTES: NONE

The Mayor spoke of the upcoming July 15 Council Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Champagne introduced Homes For All to speak to the Council.

John Divincent of Divincent Associates representing Homes For All, thanked Mayor and Council presented information on their application located on Block 20 lot 11 and 13. He further stated that it was previously zoned residential. He compared the positive nature of their application to a previously completed project in Manitou with 82 homes - 41 of those were Affordable Housing. They noted the change in zoning from residential to commercial which therefore affected their application. Homes for All stated they were interested in the same parcel of land as the application by Wawa. They asked the Council if they are interested in changing a portion of the property back to residential, and the opportunity to present plans. Gorden Milns, Engineer of Clayton, spoke to the presented application, 18 acres for Homes For All, with the

remaining land to be designated as Wawa. Mr. Milns confirmed a positive, prospective cooperation between Homes For All and Wawa. Mike McNeil, introduced by Mr. Milns, spoke additionally in support of Homes For All and the potential benefits for their project. Mayor Champagne thanked all representatives for their presentation, and noted there were people both in support and opposition of the submitted application.

Township Engineer, Chris Theodos addressed the Council and provided updates on which roadways would be presented to the Department of Transportation for Grant funding for road improvements. Mr. Murray noted that speedbumps should not be included on a curbed area due to potential hazard concern. Mr. Handshy stated he and Mr. Murray are willing to investigate the roads: Addison, Drake (between 31-and 29), Brookforest between adelphia and Amhurst, and Chamberlain between Applegate and Duke. Mr. Cradle asked if there was anything that can be done on County Roads to deter speeding. Mr. Theodos noted that the Borough is expected to receive additional CDBG funds.

Mr. Ross updated the Council noted updated on the Summer camp, stating the staff was doing a great job, and numerous trips. Saturday August 17 will be the Back to School extravaganza and backpack giveaway. The Optimist Club is up and running with future dates on the schedule.

A Resident (address muted) raised concern over speedbumps on Brookforest Road.

Public comment was closed seeing no other requests.

MATTERS BY COUNCIL:

Councilman Murray noted that the Recreation building requires reconstruction due to a car hitting it and to close it off until fixing. Councilman Reevey offered support to place a stop-gap measure to ensure residents stay away from damaged area.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		Cradle				
	X	Handshy				
		Murray	X			
		Reevey	X			
		Sykes	X			
		Williams	X			

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Municipal Clerk

Approved

Joseph M. Champagne, Mayor

Joseph A. Kostecki, Deputy Municipal Clerk