

BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2013 ~ 7:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of Council of the Borough of South Toms River was held at the Borough Hall on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

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

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.

No presentations were made at this Caucus Meeting

No Minutes were ready to approve.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Champagne read the Title of Ordinance 10-13

ORDINANCE NUMBER 10.13, AMENDING ORDINANCE 12 – 01 OF 2001 AND ORDINANCE ONE – 03 OF 2003 SECTION 2.41.39, SUBSECTION A OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. SECOND READING.

Solicitor Tarver stated this is on the agenda for second reading at the subsequent meeting, being held on August 19. He Stated this Ordinance corrects imprecise language in the original ordinance.

Solicitor Tarver read the Title of Ordinance 11-13 for next meeting's Second Reading consideration. With no questions, the subsequent Ordinance was presented.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 11 – 13, AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ARTICULATE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT IN SECTION 7 – 14 AND TO ADD RED MAPLE COURT AS A DESIGNATED STREET TO 7-14 AND 7-16. FIRST READING.

Solicitor Tarver read the Title of Ordinance 9-13 for next meeting's Second Reading consideration. With no questions, the subsequent Ordinance was presented.

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AN ORDINANCE 9-3 ADDING A NEW SECTION 3-7.5 OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT OR LIMIT PARKING OF OVERSIZE VEHICLES ON PUBLIC PARKING LOTS.

Solicitor Tarver stated this Ordinance adds a new Section 3-7.5 of the Borough of South Toms River, Municipal Code to prohibit or limit parking of oversize vehicles on public parking lots. He stated this was in response to parking issues at Mathis Plaza, and at the request of Councilman Handsby.

Solicitor Tarver stated this there are personnel issues to discuss for the position of the Municipal Clerk. These will be discussed further in Executive Session.

Mayor Champagne asked Solicitor Tarver to continue with the next section. Solicitor Tarver subsequently stated there were to be five tax resolutions for consideration at the next meeting.

Mayor Champagne stated the next section is Permission.

Mayor Champagne stated Jake Holmes of Boy Scout Troop 70, from Beachwood, is pursuing a Eagle Scout Project and thanked him for his efforts towards beautifying the Borough. Mr. Holmes project is the completion of painting maltese crosses in-front of South Toms River fire hydrants will bring greater awareness and safety for the entire community, in addition to the continuation of the Borough's beautification efforts.

Mayor Champagne stated Shaquonda Dortsy - would like to adopt the old basketball court located in/around Center-Homes. This will continue the beautification efforts in the Borough.

Mayor Champagne stated the next permission is the authorization to prepare bid specifications and advertise for bids for CDBG FY-2013 Mathis Plaza renovations – Sidewalk Improvements. Borough Engineer stated this is part of Mathis Phase 3.

Mayor Champagne stated the next permission is the authorization to submit an application to NJDOT for Municipal Aid Grant. This grant will provide funding for essential street repairs and improvements.

There were no Appointments.

Mayor Champagne stated the Vouchers will be reviewed at the next Regular Meeting.

Seeing no other Permissions, confirmed by Solicitor Tarver, Mayor Champagne asked to move onto New Business.

Mayor Champagne stated the Borough Engineer is providing great leadership to ensure the timely and effective improvements in town continue, and thanked him for his efforts. He further added that he was pleased to see the next phase of the street improvements were continuing, and moreover to ensure the children in the Borough would be that much safer with the installation of speed humps.

Solicitor Tarver stated that the Police have sent a letter expressing interest in discussing the renewal of their Collective Bargaining Agreement. He further stated that in the next few weeks, the Police Committee will get together

to start that process. The Police Committee will be Councilman Murray, Reevey and Sykes, and Solicitor Tarver will also be involved.

The Monthly Committee and Liaison Reports will be provided at the next meeting.

During Public Comment, three candidates for the position of Municipal Clerk were asked to address the Governing Body.

Kathy Russell, spoke on her receipt of her RMC License, on her first try, her administrative experience in a hospital setting and her overall ability to get things done in a timely manner.

Joseph Kostecki, spoke on his experience on Local, State and Federal levels; his work with Congressman Adler on policy, constituent relations and outreach. He further stated his experience running a nonprofit as a volunteer President for Shred Out Cancer, a 501 ©(3) for children with cancer. He provided handouts of his policy work and municipal programs.

The third candidate chose to remain anonymous since she was currently employed in another municipality.

Councilman Cradle motioned for Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, Second by Murray.

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

With unanimous vote, the Governing Body came out of Executive Session for Adjournment.

Councilman Cradle motioned to adjourn, Reevey Seconded, followed by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Solicitor Tarver

Approved

Joseph M. Champagne, Mayor

Joseph A. Kostecki, Acting Clerk