

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING
October 14, 2014, 7:00 PM**

MOMENT OF SILENCE & FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Champagne started the meeting and opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence and Flag Salute.

STATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough Clerk read the following 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 on December 14, 2013; 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:

	Cradle	Gleason	Handshy	Mosley	Murray	Reevevy	Champagne
Present	x	x	x		x	x	x
Absent				x			

Councilman Handshy motioned to excuse Councilwoman Mosley due to medical reasons.
Seconded: Councilman Gleason, and with unanimous Council consent.

PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation - Curfew regulations during the Halloween Season

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

The undersigned does hereby find and determine that it is necessary within the Borough of South Toms River to issue curfew regulations during the Halloween Season. It is ordered on the 14th day of October, 2014.

1. No one under the age of 18, unless accompanied by an adult, will be permitted on the streets after the hour of 8:00 p.m. on October 30, 2014.
2. No one under the age of 18, unless accompanied by an adult, will be permitted on the streets after the hour of 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2014. (Trick or Treat)

Hours 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

3. No on under the age of 18, unless accompanied by an adult, will be permitted on the streets after the hour of 10:00 p.m. on October 25, 2014. (Parade)

Joseph M. Champagne, Jr., Mayor
Borough of South Toms River

Mayor Champagne requested Thomas Femiano and William Kosh to step forward with their family to swear them in as Sergeants. William Kosh thanked all those in attendance.

Ocean Gate resident James McGrath presented Mayor Champagne with recreation equipment for the children of South Toms River, and expressed his gratitude for the Mayor's efforts in the Borough. Mayor Champagne stated he would like to provide the equipment to the Recreation Commission, the South Toms River Elementary School, and reserve some equipment for when Center Homes Park is restored.

Mayor Champagne recognized the South Toms River Elementary School Students of the Month.

Resolution 2014-259 Approving the Governing Body to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion Personnel, Collective Bargaining, foreseeable litigation and Attorney-Client Privilege

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
		Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
	x	Murray	x			
		Reevey	x			

The Municipal Clerk opened up for Public Comment. Seeing no Public Comments, the Public Comment portion was closed

The Municipal Clerk read the following Resolutions

Resolution 2014-257 Certifying Review of the 2014 Best Practices Checklist

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
		Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
	x	Murray	x			
		Reevey	x			

Resolution 2014-258 Authorizing the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Ocean Police Services for the Traffic Safety Program known as Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Program (DWIEP)

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	x	Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
		Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
x		Murray	x			
		Reevey	x			

Resolution 2014-259 Approving the South Toms River smartphone application

The Municipal Clerk stated the iPhone version is pending.

Councilman Gleason asked who will administer it?

The Municipal Clerk stated he will administer it, and since it is synced with the website and social media, is easily administered.

Councilman Handshy asked if others could be trained on it?

The Municipal Clerk stated yes

The Municipal Clerk provided a comparison to other more expensive applications. He also provided the resources available for residents.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
x		Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
		Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
		Murray	x			
	x	Reevey	x			

The Municipal Clerk read the following titles of Resolutions to be presented for consideration at the next meeting.

Resolution 2014- Designating Block 5, Lots 1,2,3,4 & 6 as an Area of Redevelopment
Resolution 2014- Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Municipal Alliance Agreement
Resolution 2014- Authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a contract for Charles and Deauville Road Reconstruction Improvements

The Municipal Clerk stated these road improvements are due to a NJDOT Grant

Resolution 2014 Authorizing the hiring Matt Sage as Conflict Attorney
Resolution 2014- Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Ocean County Recycling Center Use and Revenue Sharing Agreement
Resolution 2014 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Associated Humane Societies, Inc for Animal Control services

The Municipal Clerk stated that due to attrition, Berkeley Township may not be able to provide the services we need in the future. The Borough reached out to Popcorn Park Zoo, and this resolution will request Animal Control Services with Associated Humane Societies, Inc. The Clerk will look at the start date to determine whether services would start on November 1 or January 1, 2014.

Councilman Gleason asked if Berkeley has provided a summary report. The Municipal Clerk stated that information was previously requested, and was not able to be received.

CONSENT AGENDA/PERMISSION

The below listed items are considered to be routine by the Borough of South Toms River and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Resolution 2014 Designating the Environmental Commission as the Green Team
Resolution 2014- Declaring the Week of October 13-17 as National Health Education Week
Resolution 2014- Declaring the Month of October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness
Resolution 2014- Declaring the Month of October 2014 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Resolution 2014- Declaring the Week of October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week
Resolution 2014- Requesting the State of New Jersey and US Army Corps of Engineers

Add the Shores of Island Beach State Park to its' Dune Project

Mayor Champagne asked for the status of an Ordinance which would mandate foreclosed properties owned by Banks, and would increase fines up to \$2,500. The Municipal Clerk stated that due to the legalise and change in Borough Code, this will take extensive work and would take more time to complete.

The current code allows the Borough to mow the lawns owned by the banks after a sufficient notice is sent to them asking them to maintain their properties. This would alter the code to increase the fines for Bank-owned properties not maintaining said properties.

OLD BUSINESS

The Municipal Clerk stated the First Aid Squad is interested in having a Beer Garden, and Councilman Murray, the First Responder Liaison, would have to wait to hear back from the First Aid Squad on how they vote on hosting the Beer Garden.

NEW BUSINESS

The Municipal Clerk stated that an Intern would like to present to the Governing Body a Special Event entitled the Wellness Campaign-Day and Weightloss Challenge. This would provide Sustainable Jersey points.

Mayor Champagne appointed Melissa Harris to the Special Events Committee.

He further stated he is looking forward to the Community Heroes event, and hopes to have a large turnout to honor the First Responders and Individuals.

Councilman Murray asked if all First Responders were notified and the Mayor stated yes.

Councilman Cradle and Murray asked for the names and how residents were selected and what they did to receive this recognition. The Mayor says he has all of the information and proceeded to read the names of the nominees.

Councilman Murray stated he does not believe the First Responders were notified by the Special Events Committee within a reasonable amount of time.

Councilman Cradle motioned to Adjourn, Seconded by Councilman Murray, and unanimous Consent from the Council.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Municipal Clerk

Approved

Joseph M. Champagne, Mayor

Joseph A. Kostecki, MPA, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk