

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH TOMS RIVER
REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2014, 7:00 PM**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE & FLAG SALUTE
STATE OF 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	Reevey	Champagne
Present	x	x	x		x		x
Absent				x		x	

Council Cradle asked for a motion to excuse Councilwoman Mosley for medical reasons.

First: Murray Second: Gleason

The Council approved with unanimous consent.

Resolution 2014-235 Approving the Governing Body to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion Personnel and Collective Bargaining

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Martin Brown, 41 Lakeview Dr, spoke to the importance of speed humps, and requested additional ones be placed along lakeview drive. He provided a signed petition with neighbor support.

Mayor Champagne stated speed humps were placed around the borough for street calming purposes such as Mr. Brown's request.

Councilman Cradle asked for a motion to authorize Borough Engineer to start

Councilman Murray stated he's in favor of additional speed humps and can vouch that the previously installed speed humps work

The Borough Attorney ca authorized the engineer and consult the police chief and report back to the council on actions to determine speed hump locations.

First: Cradle Second: Murray

The council approved with unanimous consent. and directed the Borough Engineer to initiate the process to consult with the Police Chief, find the appropriate locations for the Speed Humps and report back to the Borough Council.

Sandy Ross, 16 Hummel Drive, provided a update on community events. He stated Summer Camp was successful, with an attendance of over 50 per day, with trips on 14 of the days. He thanks the Council for making Mathis Park a beautiful place to visit. He further expressed support for the Backpack Extravaganza with over 100 backpacks given out. Additionally, the Senior Program is this Sunday from 3-5pm, with an honoring of a special resident.

Tom Rolzhausen, 420 Applegate Avenue, stated there is a house along Chamberlain and Applegate with overgrown trees and brush.

Kevin McCormack, OEM, stated the beach on Crabbe Road looks great. To maintain the beach's integrity, there should be railings or some form of deterrent to keep out pepole from using it as a ramp.

The Council stated they would like Public Works to place a telephone poll on the ground as a temporary deterrent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 21 Regular Meeting and Executive Session

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

ORDINANCES

The Borough Attorney stated that this cleans up an ordinance passed in 2011 n Chapter 16, and most amendments addressed concerns raised by residents at a previous meeting. This cleans up 2-1 so that its not inconsistent. This essentially says that plastic bags are not able to be placed in recycling containers. The attorney further states that in response to council request there will be an amendment that will state it is unlawful to place trash in recycling and recycling in trash.

Ordinance 16-14 Amending and Supplementing Chapter XVI entitled Solid Waste Management (First Reading)

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x		Cradle	x			
	x	Gleason	x			
		Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
		Murray	x			
		Reevey				x

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2014-228 Authorizing the solicitation of bids for Charles Drive and Deauville Avenue Roadway Improvements

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

Resolution 2014-233 Approving the South Toms River Purchasing Manual

The Borough Clerk was asked to move this towards the end of the agenda so the Borough Attorney can review this a bit more.

The Borough Clerk stated this is a template manual taken from the Municipal Managers Association, that is adjusted for South Toms River. This manual creates a standardized policy, that not only brings good fiscal policy but also provides greater enhancements to grant applications where Federal or State Government Agencies want the applicant to have a policy of how we would spend their money.

The CFO stated he reviewed and provided guidance. He stated this also is standard NJSA 40 policy.

Resolution 2014-233 Approving the South Toms River Purchasing Manual

This resolution was placed at the end of the Agenda for consideration

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		Cradle				
		Gleason				
		Handshy				
		Mosley				
		Murray				
		Reevey				

Resolution 2014-236 Authorizing Maser Consulting to receive quotes for Center Homes improvements

The Borough Clerk stated that United Water has kindly offered to pave a portion of the Center Homes Park, 10 feet wide, 50 feet deep, while they are in the area making water lining improvements

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x		Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
		Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
	x	Murray	x			
		Reevey				x

Resolution 2014-237 Authorizing Adjustments to 3rd and 4th Quarter Tax Levy and Refunds for Tax Overpayments resulting from Ocean County Tax Appeal Judgments

The CFO provided clarification on these at the request of Councilman Cradle

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

Resolution 2014-238 Authorizing Adjustments to 3rd and 4th Quarter Tax Levy and Refunds for Tax Overpayments resulting from South Toms River Tax Appeal Judgments

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

Resolution 2014-239 Authorizing the Cancellation of Years 2013 and 2014 Taxes and Refunding or Crediting the Tax Overpayments Resulting from New Jersey State Tax Court Judgement to the Taxpayer

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

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 2014-229 Approving the reimbursement of Special Event deposit in the amount of \$267.00**
- Resolution 2014- 230 Supporting Joint Base McGuire-Fort Dix Lakehurst**
- Resolution 2014-231 Opposing Senate Bill 2171 Making the Count Responsible for Municipal Beaches**
- Resolution 2014-232 Opposing the Seismic Air Blasting off the coast of New Jersey**

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x		Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
	x	Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
		Murray	x			
		Reevey				x

VOUCHERS

Resolution 2014-234 Approving payment of Bill List

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

		Murray	x			
		Reevey				x

NEW BUSINESS

Bulk Trash

The Municipal Clerk confirmed to council question as to a previous ordinance that is no longer in effect on limiting bulk pick up to 10 items.

Councilman Cradle would like to meet with the Public Works and Recycling Committee to finalize bulk pickup revisions. He doesn't expect this to be a new policy until next year, and these should be stated on the Borough Recycling Calendar.

Councilman Murray stated he would like to investigate how to improve these services, such as other towns who have dropoff locations at public works facilities.

Meter Readers on Public Works vehicles:

The Borough Clerk stated that the Borough Attorney is speaking with the attorney from United Water to discuss legal issues as to whether the Borough can have them utilize space on the Public Works trucks. Councilman Murray stated he's concerned that this will take away and potentially reduce jobs at the water company.

The Borough Attorney stated there may be an issue leasing property on borough property, and whether this is a sole source. There may be benefits to this as to understanding or locating pipe breaks and leaks. Once more information is understood, the council can have a greater discussion.

Buy Local Campaign

Part of the Sustainable Jersey credit program that is based off of Brick Townships Buy Local Campaign. This is for Council to consider implementing and partnering with another municipality. The program allow for residents to visit participating vendors and instead of seeing an immediate discount, they would having a tally go into their account associated with the municipality that will result in savings being taken off their property taxes. To have the program be beneficial for both vendors and residents, South Toms River would have to partner with a neighboring municipality. One example is "The cost of a dinner for four at a restaurant participating in the PTR program with a 20% property tax reward is \$200. When paying for the check (either cash or credit), you will also present your property tax reward card. The reward card is then swiped and a \$40 property tax credit (less processing and management fees) is generated. Rewards will be credited to your property tax bill before your next tax bill is issued." The idea is residents would be able to frequent both participating towns and the program would still produce a reduction in each residents property tax.

The Municipal Clerk introduced a template flyer for a town-wide yard sale, run by a resident. The Council stated that they are comfortable for the resident to run the town-wide yard sale however, it is not to be run by the municipality.

The Municipal Clerk introduced Resolution 2014-240

Resolution 2014-240 Rescinding the authorization granted the Mayor to Execute a Conditional Redevelopment Agreement with Riverfront Property Associates prior to the Borough Council Approving the Finalized form of Agreement and Re-authorizing the Execution of Same as amended

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MONTHLY COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Cradle stated Recycling Committee is finishing identifying its list of distributed recycling cans which will be forwarded to the Borough Clerk.

The Borough Clerk stated an initiative to continuing cleaning up the parks, the Borough is looking at purchasing Cart Garages which store the borough's robo cans, and providing use recycling and garbage containers by residents. This would provide better aesthetics as well.

Councilman Cradle stated this is all part of the Borough increasing its recycling and beautifying the town.

Councilman Handshy stated his support for Cart Garages to provide better aesthetics for the town instead of tying the current robo containers to polls. There are very few companies that provide these sizes, and it is necessary due to the high traffic now at Mathis. He stated he was also at the Backpack Extravaganza, and complimented them on the event. The Gospel Fest was also a nice event. The Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund who are revising requirements for coverage and Stormwater Management plan. He was in attendance for Rehabilitation with professionals and had a lengthy discussion on assigned responsibilities and timeline. There was an additional follow-up meeting with the sustainability project that is assisting the Borough in implementing all-encompassing policy to ensure sustainability.

Councilman Murray expressed appreciation the well run Backpack Extravaganza, and reminded everyone that school is coming back into session and to please be carefull. Additionally, it is also football and cheerleading season, and encouraged the Raiders for a great upcoming season.

Mayor Champagne expressed condolences to the Greitz and Sykes family. He recognized the TR South Baseball Alumni game, and additionally thanked the Recreation Commission on their efforts to distribute backpacks to children. He has received positive reports on the Recycling Containers, increasing environmental initiatives. Mayor Champagne also announced that he participated in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenged, and further challenged all Council Members in South Toms River and Ocean County to assist in eradicating this disease. The Mayor expressed appreciation to OEM for their work replenishing the beach at the Crabbe Rd Park.

Councilman Gleason would like to use the leftover 65 gallon garbage robo containers as recycling robo containers at the Recreation Building. LED lights have now been installed at Crabbe Rd park. He asked for volunteers to spread the chips at the playground. He further stated that there is \$10,000 left over from FEMA funds to rehab the municipal docks along Crabbe Rd.

The Municipal Clerk stated he would like to discuss the plans for the Stagecoach and requests guidance for the same to comply with the risk assessment report. Councilman Cradle stated he would work with council to address the stagecoach at the Recreation Field.

The Borough Attorney stated that by passing the Purchasing Manual, the staff has a manual that defines everything for the borough rather than researching state law, and since this abides by state law, he finds this acceptable and ready to adopt.

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ADJOURNMENT AT 9:30 pm

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x		Cradle	x			
		Gleason	x			
		Handshy	x			
		Mosley				x
	x	Murray	x			
		Reevey				x

Respectfully submitted by Municipal Clerk

Approved

Joseph M. Champagne, Mayor

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