

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER 26, 2023

The Township Committee met on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 295 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Denise Koetas-Dale at 7:11 p.m.

The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read and compliance noted.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Belinda Blazic, Shreekant Dhopte, Jeremy Liedtka, Matthew Litt and Denise Koetas-Dale

Also present: Thomas A. Sahol, Administrator; Caryn M. Hoyer, Township Clerk; Rachel Fryc, Deputy Clerk; Troy Ulshafer, Public Works Manager; Carmela Roberts, Township Engineer; Dominic P. DiYanni, Township Attorney and Michael Davison, Police Chief

AGENDA MATTER(S) REQUIRING RECUSAL(S) – Mr. Liedtka advised he would recuse himself from Farmland Preservation-ATL discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve the October 12th Regular minutes. All were in favor except Mr. Liedtka who abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Koetas-Dale advised the public of the “public comment code of conduct” as listed on the agenda.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to open the meeting to public comment. Hearing none, Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to close public comment. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to open the meeting to public comment on Ordinance 2023-17. All were in favor. Hearing no comments, Ms. Blazic made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to close public comment. Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to adopt Ordinance 2023-17. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2023-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 130 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT”, SECTION 130-75 ENTITLED “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT”

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to approve Resolution 2023-10-4. Voice vote - All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-10-4 RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR DONATIONS – SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to approve Resolution 2023-10-5. Voice vote - All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-10-5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 TO 4.5 TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve Resolution 2023-10-6. Voice vote - All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-10-6 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES DUE TO VETERAN EXEMPTION FOR 78 OLD YORK ROAD KNOWN AS BLOCK 700 LOT 5

Ms. Blazic made a motion seconded by Mr. Liedtka to approve Resolution 2023-10-7. Voice vote - All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-10-7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON TO PERFORM CERTAIN WORK AND REPAIRS

BILL LIST

Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to approve the bill list. Voice vote – All in favor.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Mayor:

5K Acknowledging Volunteers and Staff – Ms. Koetas-Dale extended her gratitude and congratulations for all that volunteered and helped out with the 5K Run including the Police and DPW. She hopes this will become an annual event.

Administration:

RFP's going out for professionals – Mr. Sahol stated that it is that time of the year to send out RFP's to all of the professionals. He asked the Township Committee if they are still good with the RFP language since it was updated significantly last year. The Township Committee agreed to keep the language as is and for Ms. Hoyer to send out the RFP's.

Mr. Sahol asked the Township Committee to approve the Township Engineer's proposal for the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SP3) not to exceed \$9,500.00. He stated the funds will come from the storm water grant fund and if needed from the COVID fund. Mr. Dhopte made that motion seconded by Ms. Blazic. All were in favor.

Mr. Sahol asked for the Township Committee to approve the Township Engineer's proposal for the Municipal Stormwater Management Plan at a cost not to exceed \$18,500. Funding would come from the storm water grant fund and if needed from the COVID fund. Mr. Litt made that motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte.

Mr. Sahol advised the Township Committee about the 4G-5G small cell nodes that he anticipates coming throughout the town. He stated they have a standard of being placed about 500' apart to deliver the services to the community. He suggested an ordinance to be introduced in November so that the Township will have more control over where they go. Mr. Dhopte would like to see a picture of what they looks like. The Township Committee agreed on the ordinance.

Engineer:

Ms. Roberts reported that they received the contract agreement and bonds for Sykesville Road and will send to Dominic for review. Once Dominic has reviewed she will set up a pre-construction meeting.

Ms. Koetas-Dale would like to see more communication regarding the road construction. She stated she would like more information regarding the county paving project in Crosswicks and the Georgetown Road Bridge as she has been getting a lot of questions about them. Mr. Sahol will reach out to them.

Old Business:

Farmland Preservation ATL – Mr. Liedtka recused himself. Ms. Hoyer asked the Township Committee if they have any objections to the ATL list. If not there is nothing to do however if the Township Committee does not want to participate, we need to notify the county. The Township Committee had no objections.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dhopte made a motion seconded by Mr. Litt to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Brett Anderson, 62 Brookdale Way commented on the 5G boxes stating that the residents in Old York Village are locked into using Comcast and this would help provide other service options to the community.

Hearing no further public comment, Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to close public comment. All were in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Liedtka stated Ms. Wulstein was supposed to send budget updates throughout the year. They have not seen any. Mr. Dhopte stated he also has been waiting for the updated bill list detail at least once a quarter. Mr. Litt asked to look into getting the report automated. Mr. Sahol stated he does not believe that can be done but it is just the push of a button to provide.

At 7:37 PM, Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve Resolution 2023-10-8 for executive session to discuss Contract Negotiations. All were in favor. Mr. DiYanni stated there will be no action taken after executive session.

Mr. Litt made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to return to regular session at 7:40 PM. All were in favor.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC
Township Clerk