

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL AGENDA\ACTION MEETING
February 22, 2021**

1 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

7:30 P.M.

**All agendas\attachments are available on the Website: www.EastBrunswick.org at section Government.*

1. Council President Sullivan called the meeting to order. After a Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence, the Clerk called the roll:

Present: Councilman McEvoy, Councilman Spadafino
Councilman Wendell, Council President Sullivan

Also Present: Mayor Brad Cohen, Michael Baker, Township Attorney
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator; Nennette Perry, Township Clerk

2. Statement of Notice of Publication:

The Clerk read the following statement:

At a previous Council meeting, the meeting was disrupted by several callers zoom bombing and shouting out racial and religious slurs in an effort to disrupt the meeting.

Be advised that any future attempts to disrupt an East Brunswick Council meeting will be considered harassment and your IP address or Phone number will be turned over to the East Brunswick Police Department and you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by specifying time, date, location and to the extent known, the agenda by posting a copy on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the East Brunswick Municipal Building, providing a copy to the Home News Tribune and Sentinel newspapers, posting a copy on the Township's website and by a filing a copy in the office of the Township Clerk which will be entered in the minutes.

The Township is using the telephone meeting format in an effort to mitigate the chance of exposure to COVID-19, as a part of the Township's ongoing effort to slow the rate of transmission and avoid overwhelming our treatment centers. The Dial in Information and Final Agenda have been posted on the Township website and are posted on EBTv for members of the public.

In order to make sure a clear record of the meeting can be made and that all parties are heard in an organized fashion, all members of the public will be muted during the meeting. If a member of the public wishes to speak during any public comment portion, please press *9 (star nine) in order to raise your hand to speak. We will unmute members of the public individually if they have their hand raised. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a notification that you have been unmuted. It is at that time that you should begin to ask any questions you may have. You will have three minutes to speak, at the conclusion of which you will be muted again, and the council or administration will respond as necessary. Should you have any further comments or questions, the Township Council is always available by email and phone, and you can always call the Mayor's office during normal operating hours. Each member of the public shall only have one opportunity to speak during each public portion. As the technology does not allow us to know if there are multiple callers on an individual line, we ask that if you wish to speak, that you dial in on a separate line so that we can recognize you as a separate individual.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we as we implement this new technology to continue to move the Township forward during this Health Emergency.

3. Vacancy Appointment:

A. 17030 Resolution Filling Vacancy in the Office of the Township Council

Council President Sullivan introduced the candidates for council. She asked for a nomination. Councilman Wendell nominated Dinesh Behal, Councilman Spadafino seconded the nomination. Council President Sullivan asked if there were any other nominations. Councilman Wendell made a motion to close the nominations and Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. All were in favor. Council President Sullivan asked the Clerk to call the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes

Mayor Brad Cohen administered the Oath of office to Dinesh Behal for Councilman.

4. Presentations, Proclamations and Discussions:

A. Presentation – Mayor Brad Cohen – *State of Township Address*

The Mayor presented the State of the Township Address to the Council and public.

5. Agenda Session: (Discussion Only – No Vote)

None

6. Public Hearing:

Council President Sullivan introduced Susan Fein Housing Specialist to make a presentation and then open to the public for comment. Ms. Fein spoke about the program requirements and asked anyone interested in participating in the program to make application by March 1, 2021.

A. Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant – Susan Fein

Council President Sullivan opened to the public. There being no public comment, the public portion was closed.

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance:

- B. Ord. 21-04 Approving the Traffic Signal Improvements for Old Bridge Turnpike (County Route 627) and Main Street (County Route 615) Township of East Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Councilman Wendell moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, that it be submitted to the Mayor for his approval and thereafter published according to law. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public for discussion. There being no discussion, the public portion was closed. There being no discussion from the Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Behal - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes, and the ordinance was adopted on second reading.

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance:

- C. Ord. 21-05 Approving the Traffic Signal Improvements for Cranbury Road at Evergreen Boulevard East and Veterans Way Township of East Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Councilman Spadafino moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, that it be submitted to the Mayor for his approval and thereafter published according to law. Councilman Wendell seconded the motion. Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public for discussion. There being no discussion, the public portion was closed. There being no discussion from the Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Behal - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes, and the ordinance was adopted on second reading.

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance:

- D. Ord. 21-06 Approving the Traffic Signal Improvements for Cranbury Road at Lexington Avenue and Cornwall Drive Township of East Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey

Councilman Wendell moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, that it be submitted to the Mayor for his approval and thereafter published according to law. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public for discussion. There being no discussion, the public portion was closed. There being no discussion from the Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Behal - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes, and the ordinance was adopted on second reading.

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance:

- E. Ord. 21-07 Bond Ordinance 21-07 Providing For Various Capital Improvements In And By The Township Of East Brunswick, In The County Of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,836,600 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,744,700 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof

Councilman Wendell moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, that it be submitted to the Mayor for his approval and thereafter published according to law. Council President Sullivan seconded the motion. Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public for discussion. There being no discussion, the public portion was closed. There being no discussion from the Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Behal - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes, and the ordinance was adopted on second reading.

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance:

- F. Ord. 21-08 Bond Ordinance 21-08 Providing For Various Water Utility Improvements In And By The Township Of East Brunswick, In The County Of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$7,000,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$7,000,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof

Councilman Wendell moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading, that it be submitted to the Mayor for his approval and thereafter published according to law. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public for discussion. There being no discussion, the public portion was closed. Councilman Wendell congratulated the Mayor and Administration for moving forward on these improvements. The Mayor indicated the systems will have smart tech for leaks and breaks. There being no further discussion from the Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Behal - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes, and the ordinance was adopted on second reading.

7. Reports of Mayor, Administrator, Director of Law, Clerk, Council Committee/Board, Ad Hoc Committees Reports, Request Communication:

Mayor Cohen – no report.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator – Thanks employees for snow removal. He also thanked Council for their support on approving bond ordinances.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney – no report.

Councilman Spadafino reported that the RPAB met and were working on 2021 summer plans.

8. Public Portion:

Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public.

Jason Levin, Rutgers Student congratulated Councilman Behal.

There being no further discussion, the public portion was closed.

9. Consent Agenda: (Resolutions)

Council President Sullivan asked if anyone wished to have any items separated from the Consent Agenda. Councilman McEvoy asked that Items C & D be separated from the agenda. Council President Sullivan read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

- A. 17036 Accepting and Adopting 2021 Safety Incentive Program between the Central Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Program and the Township of East Brunswick, Middlesex County
- B. 17037 Authorizing the Purchase of a Pacific TEK PV500 Vacuum Excavator Under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) CO-OP Contract #(18/19/42) in the Amount of \$87,115.28.
- E. 17040 Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affair (NJCA) FY2021 Legislative Grant – East Brunswick Municipal Renovation Project
- F. Approval of Bingo Amendment BL2491A – Temple B'nai Shalom
- G. Approval of Bill List (approval of bills owed by Township to various individuals, companies and accounts).

Resolution Re: Approval of Bill List

WHEREAS, the Township Council for the Township of East Brunswick has approved Ordinance 74-1-BB amending the municipal ordinances accordingly requiring the Township Council's approval before any disbursements are made. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council for the Township of East Brunswick that the following bills have been duly audited and found correct by the Director of Finance and she is ordered to pay the amounts as hereinafter stated.

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the Consent Agenda Items A, B and E to G. Council President Sullivan seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Behal - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the Consent Agenda Items A, B and E to G were declared adopted.

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- C. 17038 Awarding Contracts For Various Legal And Professional Services Pursuant To "Fair And Open Process," N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.1 (*Engineering Services – Environmental*)

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy asked why and was there a specific project. The Administrator indicated this RFQ was received in a timely manner but not brought to the Clerk's office. He also indicated we were only qualifying the applicant at this time. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Behal - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the resolution was declared adopted.

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- D. 17039 Awarding Contract for the Operation of the Food Concession at Crystal Springs Family Waterpark

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman McEvoy seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy asked why and who was this vendor. The Administrator explained they would be paying us the fees indicated. He also indicated we will be monitoring the vendor. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Behal - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the resolution was declared adopted.

10. Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing Date: March 8, 2021

None

11. New Business:

Council President Sullivan read the following:

- A. Approval of Council Agenda Action Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2021.

There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Behal – no vote, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the minutes were approved.

12. For Good of the Cause:

Councilman Wendell congratulated and welcomed Dinesh Behal to the Council.

13. Adjournment: 8:37 P.M.

Councilman Wendell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Behal - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.


SHARON SULLIVAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


NENNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK