

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL AGENDA\ACTION MEETING
March 8, 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 Behal, Councilman McEvoy, Councilman Spadafino
Councilman Wendell, Council President Sullivan

Also Present: Mayor Brad Cohen, Michael Baker, Township Attorney 8:03 P.M.
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator; Nennette Perry, Township Clerk
Rajvir Goomer Esq.

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. Presentations, Proclamations and Discussions:

A. Presentation – Michael Reissner, Director Parks & Recreation – *Summer Activities*

Council President Sullivan introduced Mr. Reissner who updated and answered Council's questions regarding recreation plans for summer activities. Mr. Reissner indicated parks are open and there are plans for a Fishing Derby, and Golf Outing among other planned activities. He also indicated registrations for programs in 2021 will be made via online.

Councilman Wendell thanked Mr. Reissner for a great job during 2020.
Council President Sullivan also thanked members of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board.

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

A. Removal of Fluoride from Water System

Councilman Spadafino spoke about the history of fluoride. He indicated there have been many discussions regarding the pros and cons of having fluoride in the water. He recommended to Council that a decision be made either to remove fluoride from the water system or decide to leave as it, but a decision needs to be made. This topic has been going round and round since 2017.

Councilman Wendell indicated he did not have enough information either way and would like to have the Boards (Advisory Health and Water Policy) advise Council on pros and cons.

Councilman Behal would like a presentation for the Boards.

Councilman McEvoy is not in favor of a Referendum but wants more research.

Mayor Cohen indicated he had no opinion either way but Council needs to hear both sides of the issue to make an informed decision.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator recommended Council set up a special meeting and invite professionals and a representative of each Board to speak. The Council decided on Tuesday, May 4th.

5. Public Hearing:

None

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

Mayor Cohen – The town is looking at expansion of the Community Arts Center. His office is starting a 65 and over list for Covid shots.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator reminded residents about Food Insecure and if you can donate please do.

Michael Baker/Rajvir Goomer – no report.

7. Public Portion:

Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public.

There being no discussion, the public portion was closed.

8. Consent Agenda: (Resolutions)

Council President Sullivan asked if anyone wished to have any items separated from the Consent Agenda. Council President Sullivan read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

- A. 17041 2021 Council Committee Appointments
- B. 17042 Awarding Contract to Z Brothers Concrete Contractors Inc. for 2021 Pavement Management Program Contract #2021-01 (\$2,023,059.88)
- C. 17043 Authorizing Change Order Number One from \$389,000 to \$457,415.04 for Resolution #16886 Roof and HVAC Unit Replacement at East Brunswick Senior Center Contract #2020-04 (*VMG Group - \$68,415.04*)
- D. 17044 Authorizing an Agreement between NJDOT Local Aid and the Township of East Brunswick for Final Design Services for the Federal Aid Project Dunhams Corner Road Bikeway
- E. 17045 Authorizing an Agreement between CME Associates and the Township of East Brunswick for Final Design Engineering Services for the Federal Aid Project Dunhams Corner Road Bikeway
- F. 17046 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund Tax Overpayments
- G. 17047 Awarding Contract for East Brunswick Baseball Complex Improvements (*Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc. - \$47,663.02*)
- H. 17048 Authorizing Contract in Accordance with Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 through Cooperative Purchasing of the Division of Purchase and Property in the State of New Jersey for Six Fully Equipped Police Vehicles in the Amount of \$390,000.00
- I. 17049 RE: Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 2021
- J. Approval of Council Agenda Action Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2021.
- K. 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. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

9. Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing Date: March 22, 2021

None

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10. New Business:

None

11. For Good of the Cause:

Mayor Cohen spoke about the Dunhams Corner Road Bikeway project.

12. Adjournment: 8:37 P.M.

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

Behal - yes, McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.



SHARON SULLIVAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


NENNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK