

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL AGENDA\ACTION MEETING
July 26, 2021**

1 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

7:30 P.M.

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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
Nennette Perry, Township Clerk

Absent: Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator

2. Statement of Notice of Publication:

The Clerk read the following statement:

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.

3. Presentations, Proclamations and Discussions:

None

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

None

5. Public Hearing:

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance:

- A. Ord. 21-19 To Provide for Various Water Utility Improvements in and by the Township of East Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,000,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance 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 Behal asked what the money will be used for. Councilman McEvoy thanked water/sewer. There being no discussion from the Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Mayor Cohen indicated that estimated tax bills were sent out and there was virtually no increase. Road work continues around town. The State is giving East Brunswick a \$1 million dollar grant.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney – spoke about the water rate increase and that the town are interveners.

Council President Sullivan – Live Plays Saturday August 7th and a benefit whiffle Ball tournament in memory of Patrick Awosogba also on August 7th.

7. Public Portion:

Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public.

Joseph Schmidt – 26 Lois Avenue indicated roads are falling apart and offered suggestions for a longer life.

Rose – 39 Diamond Court – spoke about feral cats and asked the Council to update laws on Trap and Release of cats.

Marie Maglio – 200 Willow Street – taxes went up and why. She asked why a credit was not given for school taxes since the children were not in school.

Dave Herraro – 32 Cosgrove Court – asked about Item D on the Consent Agenda and was volunteering to help.

There being no further 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. Councilman Behal asked that Items B and C be separated from the agenda. Councilman McEvoy asked that Items I and K be separated. Council President Sullivan read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

- A. 17128 Authorizing the Middlesex County Fair Association, Inc. to Hold the Annual Middlesex County Fair at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds (August 2 to 8, 2021)
- D. 17131 Authorizing Acceptance of Funding for Strategic Plan for Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Year Cycle July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
- E. 17132 Of the Township of East Brunswick Regarding the Jake Brown Road Redevelopment Plan
- F. 17133 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund Tax/Utility Overpayments
- G. 17134 Appointing School Crossing Guards
- H. 17135 Authorizing the Appointment of Special Police Officers
- J. 17137 Qualifying Providers of Professional Services Pursuant to "Fair and Open Process" N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (Water Rate Expert Professional Consulting Services)

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- L. 17139 Authorizing Refunds to be Issued Related to Tax Title Lien Redemptions
- M. 17140 Authorizing the Purchase of an Altec Industries Model LR8 60E70 Aerial Lift under NJ State Approved Purchasing Cooperative Contract ESCNJ#65MCESCCPS Bid# ESCNJ 20/21-55 as Part of the 2021 Approved Capital Budget (\$187,677.16 – *Timmerman Equipment Co.*)
- N. Approval of Council Agenda\Action Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2021.
- O. 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, D to H, J and L to O. 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.

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- B. 17129 Authorizing the Middlesex County Fair Association, Inc. to Hold a Fireworks Display at the Middlesex County Fair (*August 3, 2021 or Rain Date*)

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Councilman Behal asked why only one fireworks. He was told it was to save money. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- C. 17130 Granting Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License 1204-44-033-002, Martini Discount Liquors Inc. in the Township of East Brunswick for the Year 2021-2022 (*Martini Discount Liquors Inc.*)

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Councilman Behal asked why this license is being renewed now and not with the others. Mr. Baker explained that they needed to file a 12:39 with the State and received permission to renew because they are still a pocket license. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- I. 17136 Approving Services of R.O.K. Industries, Inc. dba Real Auction to Perform an Online Electronic Tax Lien Certificate Sale at an Estimated Cost of \$2,000

Councilman Spadafino moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Wendell seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy asked for an explanation. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

Behal - yes, McEvoy - no, Spadafino - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the resolution was declared adopted.

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- K. 17138 Of the Township of East Brunswick Authorizing the Removal of Delinquent Water and Sewer Balances from 2021 Tax Sale

Council President Sullivan moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy asked for an explanation. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

9. Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing Date: August 9, 2021

None

10. New Business:

None

11. For Good of the Cause:

Mayor Cohen explained about the County Fair fireworks being only one night.

12. Adjournment: 8:05 P.M.

Councilman Wendell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Behal 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 8:05 P.M.


SHARON SULLIVAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


NENNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK