

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL AGENDA\ACTION MEETING
August 23, 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
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator; Nennette Perry, Township Clerk

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. 21-20 Amending Ordinances Fixing Grades, Classifications in Grades and Compensation of Employees of the Township of East Brunswick Covering the United Service Workers Union Local 255 (IUJAT) Ord. 21-02 and Executive Staff and Confidential Employees Ord. 21-02

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:

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

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance:

- B. Ord. 21-21 Establishing Salary Schedule for East Brunswick School Crossing Guards Association for 2017 - 2021

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:

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

Mayor Brad Cohen – thanked everyone for working together for storm and sinkhole. He briefly spoke about the SOA contract, Butterfly Park and Film Festival in East Brunswick.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator – indicated the sinkhole should be repaired by Monday evening.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney – no report.

Nennette Perry, Township Clerk – no report.

Councilman Wendell spoke about the Redevelopment Plan for 12 Harts Lane.

Councilman McEvoy congratulated Mr. Baker for being recognized by the US News & World Report as the Best Real Estate Attorney for Municipalities.

7. Public Portion:

Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public.

Joseph Schmidt, 26 Lois Avenue – spoke about the Governor and mandating vaccines with teachers.

Randy Stevenson, Cranbury Road – Asked questions about the snow plow bid.

Y Bergman, 4 Troy Court – wanted Bidders information.

Lora Muckin, 2 Fleetwood Avenue, North Brunswick spoke about cat TNR.

Troy Bailey, 16 Glen Court apologized to Council for his actions at the last meeting. Councilman McEvoy indicated there was no need to apologize.

Shannon Christie – Dean Lane indicated August was Overdose Awareness Month. She recently lost someone to an overdose.

Lisa – Davidson Avenue spoke about the TNR Program for cats.

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 McEvoy asked that Items D, F and J be separated from the agenda. Council President Sullivan read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

A. 17149 Authorizing Execution of Shared Services Agreement with Woodbridge Township (*Kennel Services*)

B. 17150 Authorizing Refunds to be Issued Related to Tax Title Lien Redemptions

- C. 17151 Endorsing the Library Concert Series Project
- E. 17153 Providing for the Cancellation of Certain Charges Which The Collector of Revenue Deems Uncollectible
- G. 17155 Authorizing St. Mary & St. Stephen Coptic Orthodox Church To Hold a Carnival (*September 18 & 19, 2021*)
- H. 17156 2021 Mayor Appointments With Advice And Consent Of Township Council To Various Boards And Commissions (*Water Policy Advisory Committee*)
- I. 17157 To Go Into Closed Executive Session: RE: Labor Negotiations
- K. Approval of Raffle License RA 2504 – New Jersey State Bar Foundation Inc. – September 28, 2021.
- L. 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 to C, E, G to I and K to L. 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 Items A to C, E, G to I and K to L were declared adopted.

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- D. 17152 Authorizing the Tax Collector To Refund Tax / Utility Overpayments

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy asked why such a large amount? 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.

- F. 17154 Awarding Contract For East Brunswick Baseball Complex Improvements (*BCI Burke Co. - \$46,246.07*)

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy asked about the baseball fields. 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

- J. 17158 Of the Township of East Brunswick Referring the 12 Harts Lane
Redevelopment Plan to the Township Planning Board for Review

Councilman Wendell 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: September 13, 2021

Council President Sullivan read the following by title only:

- A. Ord. 21-22 Bond Ordinance 21-22 to Provide for Various Water Utility
Improvements in and by the Township of East Brunswick, in the
County of Middlesex, New Jersey Appropriating \$1,860,000
therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,860,000 Bonds or Notes
of the Township to Finance the Cost Thereof

Councilman Wendell moved that the ordinance be adopted on first reading, that it be published according to law and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on September 13, 2021 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman McEvoy 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 ordinance was adopted on first reading.

Council President Sullivan read the following by title only:

- B. Ord. 21-23 Amending Chapter 209, Vehicles & Traffic – Section 52, Schedule
XIII: Stop Intersections of the Code of the Township of East
Brunswick

Councilman Wendell moved that the ordinance be adopted on first reading, that it be published according to law and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on September 13, 2021 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. 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 ordinance was adopted on first reading.

Council President Sullivan asked for a motion to go into closed session. She also indicated action will be taken after the closed session. Councilman Wendell made a motion, Councilman Spadafino seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was closed at 8:30 P.M.

10. Closed Session:

- A. Labor Negotiations

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 9:10 P.M.

11. New Business:

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- A. 17159 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign Contract with East Brunswick Superior Officers' Association (SOA 145A)

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. 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 resolution was declared adopted.

12. For Good of the Cause:

Councilman McEvoy asked about lowering the tonnage/speed limit on Cranbury Road. He also reminded residents about the EBHS Football game on September 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Michael Baker indicated that the Governor is not forcing teachers to be vaccinated. They have the option of doing testing.

13. Adjournment: 9:20 P.M.

Councilman Wendell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Spadafino 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 9:20 P.M.


SHARON SULLIVAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


NENNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK