

(\$185,000) THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$175,750) BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

Vote: All in favor

There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed on a motion by Bart and seconded by Byrne.

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance No. 1-2015 on second reading.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Byrne, Cook, Bart, Campbell
Nay - 0

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Byrne to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2-2015 entitled *ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.*

Vote: All in favor

There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed on a motion by Cook and seconded by Byrne.

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance No. 3-2014 on second reading.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Byrne, Cook, Bart, Campbell
Nay - 0

RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Byrne and seconded by Cook to adopt Resolution No. R-41-2015 *Determining That The 2015 Municipal Budget May Be Read By Its Title At The Public Hearing.*

Vote: All in favor

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Byrne to open the Public Hearing on the 2015 Municipal Budget.

Vote: All in favor

A gentleman asked about \$1,000,000.00 being reflected. The Chief Financial Officer responded that it was FEMA and insurance reimbursements.

There being no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed on a motion by Bart and seconded by Cook.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Byrne, Cook, Bart, Campbell
Nay – 0

The 2015 Municipal Budget could not be considered for final adoption pending action by the State on the submission of an Essential Services Grant Application.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to open the meeting for comments on the following resolutions.

Vote: All in favor

- R-42-2015 *Authorizing The Payment Of Bills*
- R-43-2015 *Governing Body Certification Of The 2014 Annual Audit*
- R-44-2015 *Authorizing Certifying The Submission Of Expenditures For Recycling Enhancement Act Reimbursement*
- R-45-2015 *Ratifying The Sponsorship Of A Cleanup Through The New Jersey Clean Shores Program*
- R-46-2015 *Approving The 11th Annual New Jersey Devilman Triathlon To Occur On Sunday, May 3, 2015*
- R-47-2015 *Authorizing The Submission And Execution Of An Agreement For The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Essential Services Grant Application-Superstorm Sandy*
- R-48-2015 *Approving the TWA-1 Form For The State Of New Jersey, Department Of Environmental Protection, Division Of Water Quality Relative To Henry Fey At 209 Cove Road, Gandy's Beach, Downe Township*

Sheldon Pepper, Dividing Creek, asked about the Inspira Gala on Page 4 of the Bill List. Mayor Campbell responded that he would be attending; it's a networking social event that is political and very beneficial. Deputy Mayor Cook added that it's very important for the Mayor to attend these social events.

There being no other comments from the public, the segment was closed on a motion by Cook and seconded by Byrne.

Vote: All in favor

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution No. R-42-2015 *Authorizing The Payment Of Bills* totaling \$ 800,107.79.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Bryne, Cook, Bart, Campbell
Nay – 0

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution No. R-43-2015 *Governing Body Certification Of The 2014 Annual Audit*.

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bart to adopt the aforementioned Resolution Nos. R-44-2015, R-45-2015, R-46-2015 and R-47-2015 via consent agenda.
Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution No. R-48-2015 *Approving The TWA-1 Form For The State Of New Jersey, Department Of Environmental Protection, Division Of Water Quality Relative To Henry Fey At 209 Cove Road, Gandy's Beach, Downe Township.*
Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Byrne, Bart, Campbell
Nay – Cook

ORDINANCES

A motion was made by Byrne and seconded by Cook to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 3-2015 entitled *AN ORDINANCE FOR DUNE PRESERVATION*. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex, 288 Main Road, Newport, NJ 08345.
Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Byrne to introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 4-2015 entitled *AN ORDINANCE FOR ACCESS RESTRICTIONS SEEKING TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE HORSESHOE CRAB SANCTUARY AREAS BETWEEN MAY 7TH AND JUNE 7TH OF EACH YEAR*. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex, 288 Main Road Newport, NJ 08345.
Vote: All in favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Cook reported that there were no recommendations regarding the 2014 Audit and this is huge. He also commented about the Joint Municipal Court.

Committeeman Bart had no report.

Committeeman Jordan reported that the Historic Preservation Commission met last month and that there were seven (7) in attendance and it was a productive meeting. The next meeting is planned for April 15, 2015.

Committeeman Byrne reported that he attended his first Board of Education Meeting and he was well received. It appears they are spending money wisely. He commented that he has music planned for the Horseshoe Crab Festival May 16, 2015 starting at 11:00 a.m. so plan to attend. Tom Petit's daughter asked for help regarding her father's driveway; Committeeman Jordan volunteered his services and equipment.

Committeeman Cook announced DCA final approval for the Money Island Bulkhead. He stated that it's taken 6 1/2 years and thanked everyone for their support and patience.

Mayor Campbell reported that the Money Island Bulkhead will be steel and anticipated that the project will be bid this month with construction in May. North Cove Road is being paved now and sand is being run in. New Jersey Avenue will be paved next; still fighting about the S. Cove Road issue at Gandy's Beach.

PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Cook and seconded by Byrne, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

Vote: All in favor

Doug Cook, Fortescue, commented about two trailers on School House Road and questioned zoning enforcement at the property. Committeeman Jordan asked that the Block and Lot(s) be determined and noted for the record (Block 60, Lots 17 & 21). The requirement of Rental Registration was questioned. Deputy Mayor Cook said we've got to do better and get this property cleaned up.

Bernie Sayers, Newport, commented that in 1965 he was the Housing/Zoning Officer and it was the same situation at the School House Road property. He asked what areas were built out with cable. Mayor Campbell responded everywhere with the exception of Money Island, Gandy's Beach, some of Ackley Road and Hansey's Creek Road. Comcast was agreeable to some of Ackley Road, but not the beaches. Mayor Campbell acknowledged also that Mr. Sayers wants cable back to his residence. The Mayor confirmed that no franchise has been granted and that negotiations continue and the matter now rests with the Division of Administrative Law.

David Pflueger, Money Island, asked if there was any feedback regarding the recent Blue Acres Meeting. He asked the Mayor if he felt that people got the message regarding their property values. Mayor Campbell responded that in his opinion, there were less people interested after the meeting than before. Deputy Mayor Cook and the Mayor thanked Bernie Sayers for his pertinent comments at the meeting. Mr. Sayers stated that he feels there is a disconnect...buying out properties, yet DCA is approving a bulkhead. Mayor Campbell said that he has asked the DEP Commissioner why the State wants Money Island so bad; are there oil deposits under the island? The Commissioner responded they want it to be a Wildlife Management Area.

Bernie Sayers, Newport, announced that believe it or not, there are oil and gas deposits in Downe Township and offered a bit about the history of the matter. The topic of PILOT Funding was discussed. Committeeman Jordan is actively working on the PILOT Funding List and movement.

A gentleman spoke about the drainage problem that was fixed previously on New Jersey Avenue. It is being affected by the dump truck traffic. He was on Garrison Avenue recently and noticed the speed bump(s) and proposed a speed bump on New Jersey Avenue. Mayor Campbell informed him that the matter will be discussed with the Township Engineer.

Doug Cook, Fortescue, noticed that work is being done on New Jersey Avenue and asked if it was a scupper to get rid of water or is it a repair. Mayor Campbell responded that Engineer is working on a Stormwater Management Plan but what is being done now is a repair.

There being no further comments, the public segment was closed on a motion by Cook and seconded by Bart.

Vote: All in favor

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Downe Township Committee will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Jordan to adopt Resolution No. R-49-2015 *Authorizing Executive Session In Accordance With The Provisions Of The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12* to discuss litigation related to Money Island.

Vote: All in favor

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Cook to reopen the meeting to the public.

Vote: All in favor

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Cook and seconded by Jordan.

Vote: All in favor



Constance S. Garton
Municipal Clerk