

DOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
AUGUST 10, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room and via Teleconference at the Municipal Complex on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00p.m. Mayor Robert G. Campbell presided. Committee members present at Township Complex were Edward Bart and Steve Burt. Committeemen Rothman and Byrne were absent. Municipal Solicitor, Rebecca Bertram, was also present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / STATEMENT REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order; led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present – Bart, Burt, and Campbell

Absent – Byrne and Rothman

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Campbell read the Zoning Office, Chief Finance Officer and Tax Collector Reports. The Township Committee acknowledged the receipt of the following report:

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| • Zoning Officer | July 2020 |
| • Chief Finance Officer | July 2020 |
| • Tax Collector | July 2020 |

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Bertram with the help of Mayor Campbell reported the solar project is moving forward. The sewer project is on track. All funding is still in place. There were rumors it was in jeopardy, but all funds have been confirmed. We have a property being donated to the Township by Mary Hamilton and we have procured the deed and the Clerk has it in her possession for signatures then it will be recorded.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2020-11 *An Ordinance Declaring a Certain Parcel of Real Property Owned by the Township of Downe Situate in the County of Cumberland No Longer Needed for Public Use and Authorizing the Public Sale of Same Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 Et. Seq.*

Motion was made by Burt and seconded by Bart to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2020-11.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell

Absent - Byrne and Rothman

Vote: All in favor

Kary Wilson of Fortescue Road asked when the sale will take place and if there will be a minimum bid. Mayor Campbell answered the sale is scheduled for next months meeting at 6:30pm. We have not decided what the minimum bid will be. Mayor Campbell is proposing the minimum bid will be \$10,000. The committee was in agreement with the \$10,000 starting bid.

There being no further comments from the public, a motion was made by Bart and seconded by Burt to close the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2020-11.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell
Absent - Byrne and Rothman
Vote: All in favor

FINAL ADOPTION

Ordinance 2020-11 *An Ordinance Declaring a Certain Parcel of Real Property Owned by the Township of Downe Situate in the County of Cumberland No Longer Needed for Public Use and Authorizing the Public Sale of Same Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 Et. Seq*

Motion was made by Bart and seconded by Burt to adopt Ordinance 2020-11.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell
Absent - Byrne and Rothman
Vote: All in favor

RESOLUTIONS

R-78-2020 *Authorizing the Payment of Bills*
R-79-2020 *Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of Municipal Tax Sale Certificate 20-00055 In Installments*
R-80-2020 *Resolution Amending R-128-2019 Municipal Alliance Strategic Plan*
R-81-2020 *Resolution of the Downe Township Committee Relating to Enforcement of Ordinance No. 2.02 Concerning Regulation of Weeds and Trash Clean-up*
R-82-2020 *Governing Body Certification of the 2019 Annual Audit*
R-83-2020 *Authorizing Executive Session*

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Burt to adopt Resolution No. R-78-2020 *Authorizing the Payment of Bills* in the total amount of \$650,727.22.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell
Absent - Byrne and Rothman
Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Burt to adopt Resolution No. R-79-2020.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell
Absent - Byrne and Rothman
Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Burt to adopt Resolution No. R-80-2020.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell
Absent - Byrne and Rothman

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Burt to adopt Resolution No. R-81-2020.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell

Absent - Byrne and Rothman

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Burt to adopt Resolution No. R-82-2020.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell

Absent - Byrne and Rothman

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Burt to adopt Resolution No. R-83-2020.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell

Absent - Byrne and Rothman

Vote: All in favor

Mayor Campbell thanked Steve Burt our OEM Coordinator, the Fortescue Fire Department, Road Department, the residents, and the Forest Fire Service for being so helpful and understanding with the clean up from our recent storm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell

Absent – Byrne and Rothman

Vote: All in favor

There being no comments, the public comment portion was closed on a motion by Bart and seconded by Burt.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell

Absent – Byrne and Rothman

Vote: All in favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Campbell stated everything is on track with the sewer plant. He asked Kary Wilson for an update on the blood drive. Mrs. Wilson stated we are actually getting filled up and there will be some who have signed up and won't be able to donate for all types of medical issues. We will probably accept some walk ins. Mayor Campbell asked if a person has diabetes can they give. Mrs. Wilson answered you can be a donor with diabetes.

Mrs. Wilson asked what is on the Executive Session. Mayor Campbell answered potential litigation. Mrs. Wilson asked who are the parties involved. Mrs. Bertram answered it is a filed suit and the parties involved are the young lady in Fortescue, Tamara McGinley, Mr. Burt and Mr. Campbell.

Mayor Campbell announced next Saturday is the Green Teams Crab and Spaghetti takeout at the Fortescue Fire Hall. Tickets are \$20. The event is from 12noon - 5pm with an outside craft fair. This event is takeout only.

Mr. Burt thanked everyone who helped out during the storm. We have come a long way in a week with the amount of damage we incurred.

Mayor Campbell stated we are talking about keeping the convenience center open late on Wednesday from 7am-5pm and dumpsters are being emptied today and will be replaced until there is no need for them. We are also collecting large pieces of debris in Fortescue. If you have large items, please leave them along the roadway and they will be picked up by the Road Department.

Mayor Campbell stated we are still in the review process and we will keep you up to date with the schedule of the town hall meeting for the sewer project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Burt and seconded by Bart, the meeting was opened to Executive Session.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell
Absent – Byrne and Rothman

Vote: All in favor

On a motion by Burt and seconded by Bart the Executive Session was closed.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, and Campbell
Absent – Byrne and Rothman

Vote: All in favor

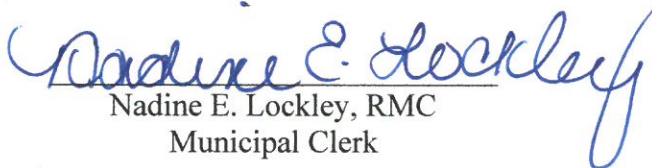
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Downe Township Committee will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: All in favor


Nadine E. Lockley, RMC
Municipal Clerk