

DOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2020
AT 7:00 P.M.

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Office and via teleconference on Monday, February 8, 2020 at 7:00p.m. Mayor Michael L. Rothman, presided. Deputy Mayor Edward Bart, Committeeman Robert G. Campbell Steve Byrne and Steve Burt were in attendance. Municipal Solicitor Rebecca Bertram was also present.

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

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

ROLL CALL

Present – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman

Absent - 0

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

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| • Zoning Officer | January 2021 |
| • Chief Finance Officer | January 2021 |
| • Tax Collector | January 2021 |

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2020-15 An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing that Block 74 Lots 41, 42, & 43 Owned by Frank Carpino & Heritage Hills Estates LLC, Located Within the Township of Downe, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey be acquired by Purchase or Gift

Motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2020-15.

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

Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

Kary Wilson of Newport asked why is the township interested in purchasing this property. Mayor Rothman stated the township is interested in this property for economic development and storm protection. This is a precautionary thing in preparing for the future of what the township will be in that area when the water treatment system is up and running as well as protection for any future storms that may hit our area. We are not doing anything other than preparing for the future. Mrs. Wilson asked what is the

purchase price the township is considering. Mayor Rothman answered there is no purchase price. Mrs. Wilson stated how much the property sold for and the amount of property taxes that are being paid to the town for that property. Mrs. Wilson asked how the township is preparing to pay for the property. Mayor Rothman stated again, the township has not negotiated purchasing this property. Mrs. Wilson continued that during your planning you should have discussed how you would be purchasing the property and where the funds would come from to purchase it. Mrs. Wilson continued with questions about the plans the township has for the property. Mayor Rothman continued to state the township has not made plans for the property. There have been no final decisions made.

There being no other comments from the public, a motion was made by Bart and seconded by Campbell to close the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2020-15.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
Nay – 0
Vote: All in favor

FINAL ADOPTION

Ordinance 2020-15 An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Block 74 Lots 41, 42, & 43 Owned by Frank Carpino & Heritage Hills Estates, LLC, Locate Within the Township of Downe, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey be Acquired by Purchase or Gift

Motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to adopt Ordinance 2020-15.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
Nay – 0
Vote: All in favor

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2021-1 An Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages for the Officers and Employees of the Township of Downe for the Year 2021

Motion was made by Bart and seconded by Byrne to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-1.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
Nay – 0
Vote: All in favor

Kary Wilson of Newport asked if there are any raises anticipated for committee or staff. Mayor Rothman stated there may be with some staff. Mrs. Wilson asked if these are random raises or is it across the board raises. Mayor Rothman stated this will be looked as we go forward. This is just a housekeeping item that establishes a salary range.

There being no further comments from the public, a motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to close the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-1.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
Nay – 0
Vote: All in favor

FINAL ADOPTION

Ordinance 2021-1 An Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages for the Officers and Employees of the Township of Downe for the Year 2021

Motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to adopt Ordinance 2021-1.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
Nay – 0
Vote: All in favor

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2021-2 An Ordinance Establishing Stormwater Management Control for the Township of Downe.

Motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Byrne to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-2.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
Nay – 0
Vote: All in favor

There being no comments from the public, a motion was made by Bart and seconded by Rothman to close the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-2.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
Nay – 0
Vote: All in favor

FINAL ADOPTION

Ordinance 2021-2 An Ordinance Establishing Stormwater Management Control for the Township of Downe

Motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Byrne to adopt Ordinance 2021-2.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
Nay – 0
Vote: All in favor

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Bertram presented her report which consisted of information and updates on the following matters: Landfill solar project and redevelopment plan; Fortescue sewer easements; deed to vacate property on Surf Avenue; Jordan property purchase; two mining permit issues associated with the property transfer; and the boardwalk issue has been resolved and the permit can now be filed.

RESOLUTIONS

R-38-2021 *Authorizing the Payment of Bills*

R-39-2021 *Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Mining Permit for US Silica to Silvi Concrete of Chester County, LLC*

- R-40-2021 *Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Mining Permit for Ricci Bros, Sand Company to Silivi Concrete of Chester County, LLC*
R-41-2021 *Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Tax Sale Certificate 19-00014*
R-42-2021 *Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Tax Sale Certificate 19-00030*
R-43-2021 *Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Tax Sale Certificate 19-00045*
R-44-2021 *Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Tax Sale Certificate 19-00011*
R-45-2021 *Resolution the Redemption of Municipal Tax Sale Certificate 20-00051 in Installments*
R-46-2021 *Authorizing Executive Session*
R-47-2021 *Authorizing Change Order #1 to Mott MacDonald for Fortescue Sewer Project*

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. R-38-2021 *Authorizing the Payment of Bills* in the total amount of \$762,790.56.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
 Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. R-39-2021.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
 Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. R-40-2021.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
 Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution Nos R-41-2021 through R-44-2021.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
 Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. R-45-2021.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
 Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. R-46-2021.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
 Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

Solicitor Bertram stated the topics of discussion for Executive Session will be Public Safety, Personnel and Contracts and there will be no action taken.

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. R-47-2021.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

Kary Wilson of Newport asked for an explanation of what the redevelopment plan is. Solicitor Bertram stated anytime there is a redevelopment area designation there should be a redevelopment plan at establishes what the purpose of the redevelopment area is and sets our ideals of what you can do with at area. Mrs. Wilson asked where the redevelopment area is located. Solicitor Bertram answered the old landfill. Mrs. Wilson asked if there is anyway she can pickup the bill list for the meetings. Mayor Rothman answered just come to the office and you can receive a copy.

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

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Campbell and Rothman
Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Campbell reported the sewer project is a little bit behind on the schedule mostly because of some of the comments from the DEP for wording for necessary documents. Still anticipate going out for bids by the end of the year for the sewer plant and service lines. We have a few grant applications out to help cover the costs for the plant. Mr. Campbell reported that the Newport streetscape is still in progress. We should see some movement on that project in the near future. We are working with FEMA on the many details with the Fortescue Cap project. The train station project has been approved by the County for funding and Green Acres has approved the project and will be providing funding towards the purchase of the property.

Mr. Bart had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Byrne had nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Bart had nothing to report at this time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Downe Township Committee will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Campbell and seconded by Byrne, the meeting was closed to the public and the Executive Session was opened with no action to be taken after Executive Session.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Rothman, and Campbell
Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

On a motion by Burt and seconded by Campbell, the Executive Session portion was closed.

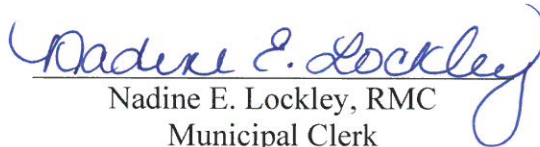
Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Burt, Byrne, Rothman, and Campbell
Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: All in favor


Nadine E. Lockley, RMC
Municipal Clerk