

DOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2021
AT 7:00 P.M.

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Office and via teleconference on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00p.m. Mayor Michael L. Rothman, presided. Deputy Mayor Edward Bart, Committeeman Robert G. Campbell, Steve Burt and Steve Byrne 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, Byrne, Campbell, Burt 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:

- Zoning Officer April 2021
- Chief Finance Officer April 2021
- Tax Collector April 2021

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Bertram presented her report which consisted of information and updates on the following matters: solar project is moving forward, the agreement is forthcoming; sewer easements are coming in; resident street light issue in residents hand and the streetscape project is moving forward.

Mayor Rothman reported tonight meeting agenda will be moved around a little.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2021-6 - *Calendar Year 2021 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank*

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Byrne to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-6.

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 Campbell to close the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-6.

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

FINAL ADOPTION

Ordinance 2021-6 - *Calendar Year 2021 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank*

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Burt to adopt Ordinance 2021-6.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - 2021 ANNUAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Campbell to open Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-6

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 Burt to close Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-6.

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

The final adoption of the 2021 Annual Municipal Budget will be held at the June 14, 2021 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2021-3 - *Ordinance of the Township of Downe Authorizing the Vacation of Surf Avenue*

A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Campbell to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-3.

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 Burt to close the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-3.

FINAL ADOPTION

Ordinance 2021-3 - *Ordinance of the Township of Downe Authorizing the Vacation of Surf Avenue*

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Burt to adopt Ordinance 2021-3.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2021-5 - *An Ordinance of the Township of Downe, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Block 27 Lot 3, Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq*

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Burt to open Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-5.

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 Campbell to close Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-5.

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

FINAL ADOPTION

Ordinance 2021-5 - *An Ordinance of the Township of Downe, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for Block 27 Lot 3, Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq*

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to adopt Ordinance 2021-5.

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2021-4 - *An Ordinance by Township of Downe, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey Prohibiting the Operation of Certain Classes of Cannabis Businesses Within Its Geographical Boundaries and Amending the Township of Downe Municipal Code*

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Burt to introduce Ordinance 2021-4.

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2021-7 - *An Ordinance to Establish the Downe Township Municipal Sewer Utility*

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to introduce Ordinance 2021-7.

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

Vote: All in favor

RESOLUTIONS

- R-61-2021 *Authorizing the Payment of Bills*
- R-62-2021 *Municipal Alliance Strategic Plan with Lawrence Township*
- R-63-2021 *Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel and Refund Property Taxes on Block 23 Lot 219 Due to Assessment Error*
- R-64-2021 *Authorizing Executive Session*

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Burt to adopt Resolution No. R-61-2021 *Authorizing the Payment of Bills* in the total amount of \$704,157.74.

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

A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution No. R-62-2021.

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

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Burt to adopt Resolution No. R-63-2021.

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-64-2021.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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 to closed the public comments portion by Burt and seconded by Bart.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Rothman stated the Green Team will hold the Horseshoe Crab Festival in Fortescue of the 15th. We are expecting a few people in the area. Also the easement deadline for the sewer

project is May 15th. Please come in and see Nadine or Nicole. On May 22nd from 10am-12pm the county will be here conducting a walk in clinic using the Johnson and Johnson covid vaccine.

Mr. Bart stated Amnesty month was a success. We collected 12.5 tons of trash and 11 tons of tires (approx. 620 tires)

Mr. Burt had no report.

Mr. Byrne reported there will be great music at the Horseshoe Crab Festival. On September 18th the Snake Bros will be giving a concert at Union Hall.

Mr. Campbell reported the sewer project is on track. We are hoping to start construction by the end of the year. There has been a renewed interest in the Money Island Science Center. The CCIA has been showing some interest. More discussions are planned.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Downe Township Committee will be held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Campbell and seconded by Bart, 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

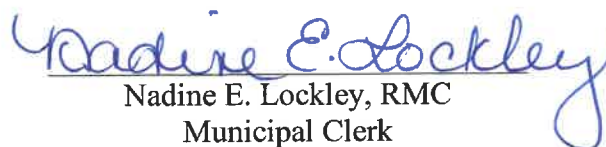
On a motion by Campbell and seconded by Bart, the Executive Session portion was closed.

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 Bart and seconded by Campbell.

Vote: All in favor.


Nadine E. Lockley, RMC
Municipal Clerk