

DOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2021  
AT 7:00 P.M.

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Office and via teleconference on Monday, June 14, 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. Nicole Marlette sitting in for Municipal Clerk.

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:

- Chief Finance Officer            May 2021
- Tax Collector                        May 2021

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Bertram presented her report which consisted of information and updates on the following matters: We are waiting on the redeveloper’s agreement; we are still working on easements for the sewer project; we are currently reviewing the title work for the Jordan acquisition; need to record ordinance and description for Surf Avenue. There is a property in Fortescue on Lores Avenue, the owners want to donate the property to the township.

FINAL ADOPTION

2021 Annual Municipal Budget

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to adopt the 2021 Annual Municipal Budget.

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

**DUE TO TECHNICAL ERROR DURING THE MEETING, THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) ORDINANCES WILL BE PRESENTED ON THE MEETING AGENDA FOR JULY**

**12, 2021 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO FINAL ADOPTION.**

Ordinance 2021-4 *An Ordinance by the 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*

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

- R-65-2021 *Authorizing the Payment of Bills*  
R-66-2021 *Resolution Approving the Proposal for a Preliminary Assessment for Property Known as Block 17 Lot 14*  
R-67-2021 *Approval to Submit a Municipal Aid Grant Application MA-2022-Downe Township-00127 and Execute Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation*  
R-68-2021 *Resolution Authorizing Eminent Domain Proceedings Regarding Block 114, Lot 2*  
R-69-2021 *Authorizing Executive Session*

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Burt to adopt Resolution No. R-65-2021 *Authorizing the Payment of Bills* in the total amount of \$1,514,730.28.

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

A motion was made by Burt and seconded by Bart to adopt Resolution No. R-66-2021.

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

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to adopt Resolution No. R-67-2021.

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-68-2021.

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-69-2021.

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 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**

Mayor Rothman had nothing to report.

Mr. Bart had nothing to report.

Mr. Burt had nothing to report

Mr. Byrne had nothing to report

Mr. Campbell had nothing to report.

**NEXT MEETING**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Bart and seconded by Campbell, 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

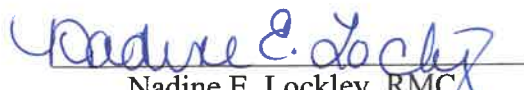
On a motion by Campbell and seconded by Burt, the Executive Session portion was closed.

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