# DOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Office on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:00p.m. Mayor Michael L. Rothman, presided. Deputy Mayor Edward Bart, Committeeman Robert G. Campbell, Larry Jordan 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, Jordan and Rothman

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2019
July 8, 2019
March 8, 2020
August 9, 2021
August 9, 2021
September 13, 2021
October 11, 2021
Regular Meeting
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A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Byrne to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for May 13, 2019, July 8, 2019, March 8, 2020, August 9, 2021, and Executive Session Meeting minutes for: August 9, 2021.

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

Nay - 0

Abstain - Jordan Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Byrne to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for September 13, 2021.

Roll Call: Aye – Byrne, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman

Nay – 0 Abstain - Bart Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Byrne to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for October 11, 2021.

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

Nay - 0

Vote: All in favor

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor Rothman read the Tax Collector Report for October 2021. The Chief Finance Officer Report for October 2021. The Zoning Office Report for October 2021 was read.

## BEST PRACTICE INVENTORY - GOVERNING BODY ACKNOWLEDGE

The Downe Township Committee acknowledges receipt and review of the Best Practice Inventory.

### MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Bertram presented her report which consisted of information and updates on the following matters: Solar project, Sewer project, a several land acquisitions.

#### ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2021-11 An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Property Known as 302 Cove Road (Block 1 Lot 51) on the Tax Map of the Township of Downe

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Byrne to introduce Ordinance 2021-11.

Roll Call:

Aye - Bart, Byrne, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman

Nay - 0

Vote: All in favor

#### RESOLUTIONS

R-106-2021 Authorizing the Payment of Bills

R-107-2021 Resolution of the Township of Downe Authorizing Settlement of John Paff v. Downe

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R-108-2021 Authorize Change Order #2 for Mott MacDonald Contract for the Fortescue and Gandy

Beach Wastewater Collection, Conveyance and Treatment Project

R-109-2021 Authorizing Executive Session

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to adopt Resolution No. R-106-2021 *Authorizing the Payment of Bills* in the total amount of \$561,013.68.

Roll Call:

Aye - Bart, Byrne, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman

Nay - 0

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to adopt Resolution No. R-107-2021.

Roll Call:

Aye - Bart, Byrne, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman

Nav - 0

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to adopt Resolution No. R-108-2021.

Roll Call:

Aye - Bart, Byrne, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman

Nay - 0

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution No. R-109-2021.

Roll Call:

Aye - Bart, Byrne, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman

Nav - 0

Vote: All in favor

## PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

Nay - 0

Vote: All in favor

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

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

Nay - 0

Vote: All in favor

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Rothman stated

Mr. Campbell reported

Mr. Bart stated

Mr. Byrne reported

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Downe Township Committee will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Jordan 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.

Topics under discussion during Executive Session: Litigation - Paff vs. Downe Twp & Real Estate transactions for Eminent Domain of three properties on Cove Road and one property on New Jersey Avenue.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Byrne, Rothman, Jordan, 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 – Burt, Byrne, Rothman, Jordan, 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 Jordan.

Vote: All in favor.

Nadine E. Lockley, RMC
Municipal Clerk