

DOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Office on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Michael L. Rothman, presided. Deputy Mayor Larry Jordan, Committeemen Robert Campbell, and Edward Bart were in attendance. Committeeman Byrne was absent. Municipal Solicitor Rebecca Bertram was 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 – Jordan, Bart, Campbell, and Rothman

Absent – Byrne

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- April 10, 2023 Regular Meeting
- May 8, 2023 Regular Session

On a motion by Jordan and seconded by Campbell the minutes of the previously mentioned meetings were approved as presented.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

- Chief Finance Officer May 2023
- Tax Collector May 2023

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Bertram presented her report which consisted of information and updates on matters that should be discussed in the Executive Session.

RESOLUTIONS

- R-61-2023 *Authorizing the Payment of Bills*
- R-62-2023 *Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Items of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 Clean Communities*
- R-63-2023 *Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Items of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-87 NJDEP Stormwater Program*
- R-64-2023 *Resolution Approving the TWA-1 Form for the State of NJ, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality Relative to 261 New Jersey Avenue, Fortescue, Downe Township Known as Block 91 Lot 15 & 16*
- R-65-2023 *Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Property Taxes for Property Acquired by Downe Township*
- R-66-2023 *A Resolution of Support for Operation of Cannabis Business*

- R-67-2023 *Resolution Authorizing Execution of Engineering Agreements for Sewer Project*
 R-68-2023 *Resolution Accepting Sale Contract Entered into Between the Buyer and Downe Township with Regard to that Public Sale of Land Known as Block 66 Lot 24 Held at the Downe Township Municipal Building Pursuant to Advertisement Under the Municipal Land Sale Law of NJSA 40A:12-13 et seq on June 12, 2023 at 6pm.*
 R-69-2023 *Resolution Accepting Sale Contract Entered into Between the Buyer and Downe Township with Regard to that Public Sale of Land Known as Block 54 Lot 23 Held at the Downe Township Municipal Building Pursuant to Advertisement Under the Municipal Land Sale Law of NJSA 40A:12-13 et seq on June 12, 2023 at 6pm.*
 R-70-2023 *Resolution Accepting Sale Contract Entered into Between the Buyer and Downe Township with Regard to that Public Sale of Land Known as Block 45 Lot 2 Held at the Downe Township Municipal Building Pursuant to Advertisement Under the Municipal Land Sale Law of NJSA 40A:12-13 et seq on June 12, 2023 at 6pm.*
 R-71-2023 *Approval to Submit a Municipal Aid Grant Application MA-2024-Downe Township-00491 and Execute Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation*
 R-72-2023 *Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of a Mining License to Silvi Concrete of Chester County, LLC by the Township of Downe*
 R-73-2023 *Authorizing Executive Session*

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Jordan to adopt Resolution No. R-61-2023 *Authorizing the Payment of Bills* in the total amount of \$276,425.80.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
 Nay – 0
 Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Jordan to adopt Resolution No. R-62-2023.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
 Nay – 0
 Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Jordan to adopt Resolution No. R-63-2023.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
 Nay – 0
 Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to adopt Resolution No. R-64-2023.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
 Nay – 0
 Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Jordan to adopt Resolution No. R-65-2023.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
 Nay – 0
 Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Jordan to adopt Resolution No. R-66-2023.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Jordan, and Rothman
Nay – 0
Abstain – Campbell
Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Bart to adopt Resolution No. R-67-2023.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
Nay – 0
Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Jordan to adopt Resolution No. R-68-2023.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
Nay – 0
Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Campbell to adopt Resolution No. R-69-2023.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
Nay – 0
Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Jordan to adopt Resolution No. R-70-2023.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
Nay – 0
Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Bart to adopt Resolution No. R-71-2023.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
Nay – 0
Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Jordan to adopt Resolution No. R-72-2023.

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
Nay – 0
Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

It was determined that Resolution R-73-2023 Authorizing Executive Session was not needed.

Mayor Rothman gave the following update:

There was a major fire on Ackley Road. We have contacted the County and South Jersey Gas again regarding the patches on Fortescue Road. We are working to dispose of the abandoned sailboat and shed in Fortescue. We are working to have Union Hall placed on the Historic Registry for the State. We auctioned three properties earlier this evening. 114 Garrison Avenue sold for \$30,000, 920 Union Hall sold for \$10,000, and 326 Main Street sold for \$15,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
Nay – 0
Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

Liz Cowley stated the Green Team thanks everyone who helped out with the Horseshoe Crab Festival.

Peter Wagner asked about the oak tree planting. Mayor Rothman reported that in coordination with the County and Lawrence Township we have placed our Salem Oak Tree sapling at the intersection where the oak tree was removed a few years ago.

Sean Pignatelli reported there have been a number of issues with speeding in Fortescue. Mayor Rothman stated when you witness speeding, please gather whatever information you can and contact the Port Norris State Police Barracks and make a report. Mr. Pignatelli also mentioned there are 3 dogs running loose in the street on Garrison Avenue.

Laura Williams of Fortescue commented on and thanked Mr. Loteck for the great job he is doing as Code Enforcement Officer.

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

Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
Nay – 0
Absent - Byrne

Vote: All in favor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Campbell reported that we have received all bids for the sewer project. The bids came in high. We are looking to the USDA for more funding.

Mr. Bart reported that the Public Works Department is looking for full-time help.

Mr. Jordan had nothing to report.

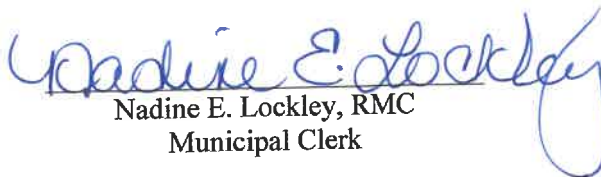
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Downe Township Committee will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023 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 Jordan and seconded by Bart.

Vote: All in favor


Nadine E. Lockley, RMC
Municipal Clerk