

DOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Office on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:00p.m. Mayor Michael L. Rothman, presided. Committeeman Robert Campbell, Steve Byrne, Edward Bart and Larry Jordan, Sr. were in attendance. Township Bond Counsel Joel Fleishman 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

Absent - 0

The recording of the meeting is of poor quality. The minutes are provided using the Clerks notes from the event.

Mayor Rothman read the title of Ordinance 2024-01

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 2024-01 An Ordinance Replacing and Superceding In All Respects Bond Ordinance No. 2020-7, Adopted on May 11, 2020, by the Township of Downe, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, to Increase the Appropriation Amount for the Construction of Phase I of the New Wastewater Treatment Facility and Sewer System to Serve the Fortescue Section of the Township

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Byrne to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024-01.

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

Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

Liz Cowley of Fortescue asked for a brief explanation of the funding of each phase of the project. Mr. Fleishman stated the project will be constructed in two phases. Phase 1 is the treatment plant and sewer laterals located in Fortescue. Phase 2 is a pump station and pumps for Gandy Beach. He explained all the different funding sources. He reported the project total is \$33M of which 70% is grant funded. The debt for the project will be paid over 40 years at a fee of \$1300 per year per user, which is a worst case estimate. The township is continuing to search for additional funding to help reduce the cost to the end user. The township officials have done a tremendous job of securing this amount of funding.

Robert Biggins of Fortescue asked for the estimated completion date of the project. Mayor Rothman answered June 2026.

A motion was made by Bart and seconded by Jordan to close the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024-01.

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

Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

FINAL ADOPTION – ORDINANCE 2024-01 – *An Ordinance Replacing and Superceding In All Respects Bond Ordinance No. 2020-7, Adopted on May 11, 2020, by the Township of Downe, in the County of Cumberland, New Jersey, to Increase the Appropriation Amount for the Construction of Phase I of the New Wastewater Treatment Facility and Sewer System to Serve the Fortescue Section of the Township*

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Jordan to adopt Ordinance 2024-01.

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

Vote: All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Byrne to open for Public Comments.

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

Vote: All in favor

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

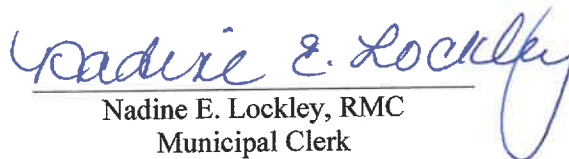
Roll Call: Aye – Bart, Byrne, Campbell, Jordan, and Rothman
Nay – 0

Vote: All in favor

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: All in favor



Nadine E. Lockley, RMC
Municipal Clerk