

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
OFFICIAL ACTION MEETING

July 11, 2022

(This meeting was held in-person and virtually/telephonically due to COVID-19)

The Regular Meeting of the Moorestown Township Council was called to order by Mayor Gillespie at 7:03 p.m. at Town Hall, Council Chamber, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown. Attendance was as follows:

Nicole Gillespie, Councilmember
Sue Mammarella, Councilmember
Quinton Law, Councilmember
Jake Van Dyken, Councilmember (absent)
David Zipin, Councilmember

Kevin E. Aberant, Township Manager
Patricia L. Hunt, Township Clerk
Douglas Heinold, Township Solicitor

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Gillespie read the Open Public Meetings Act statement in full, as printed on the agenda.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

"Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act" by:

1. Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.
2. Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex.
3. Emailing a copy of the agenda to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post.
4. Forwarding written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule.

All of the above posting, filing and mailing have taken place on July 8, 2022.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE: The Official Action meeting began with a moment of silence and flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Gillespie took roll call; Mr. Van Dyken was absent.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Gillespie noted that Mr. Morgan was not present and suggested moving through the agenda and presenting the proclamation when he arrives. There were no objections.

1. Proclamation - Moorestown Theater Company-20th Anniversary Season

DISCUSSION

Reports from Members of Council:

Mr. Law announced the upcoming meeting dates for the Tree Planting and Preservation Committee and the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Mr. Zipin announced the upcoming meeting dates for the Planning Board and Open Space Advisory Committee.

Ms. Mammarella advised that she walked with the Kindness brigade in the parade; it was a lot of fun. She announced that First Baptist Church is having a food drive on July 30 and August 27. You can also donate every Sunday in July. The church serves hundreds of people a week and due to school donations on hold during the summer and a slowdown in donations since COVID, the church is in great need.

Mayor Gillespie congratulated and thanked parade committee, noting it was a great event.

Mayor Gillespie advised that she and Mr. Law held a listening session with the public concerning Yancy-Adams Park. Good input and ideas were received and fundraising may be looked into. Improvements continue at Percheron Park; it is coming together; the horse is expected to arrive in mid-August.

All members of Council hoped all had a good 4th of July holiday.

Upcoming Meeting(s): Mayor Gillespie read the upcoming meetings aloud.

July 25, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. (Official Action)

August 8, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. (Official Action)

Agenda Updates: None.

Adopting Consent Agenda Resolution No. CA 07 11 2022: Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin

SECONDED BY: Mr. Law

ABSENT: Mr. Van Dyken

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA CA 07 11 2022

WHEREAS, Consent Agendas include routine items of business which are not controversial; do not require individual discussion; and are voted upon as one item by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by the request of any Council Member; and

WHEREAS, if so removed, said item(s) will be treated as a separate matter(s); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed the Consent Agenda and determined that the matters listed are matters, which require official action; but do not require further deliberation or discussion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that it hereby:

- ___x___ a. Approves the Consent Agenda as written on the agenda.
_____ b. Approves the Consent Agenda as written with the exception of the following:
_____ c. Requests that all matters on the Consent Agenda be handled separately.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Aberant reported:

- He has a meeting with the Friends of Percheron Park tomorrow to discuss delivery and unveiling of the statue; he will report back.
- The road overlay program will mostly likely begin prior to Council's next meeting.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: The Township Manager read Ordinance 13-2022 by title.

13-2022 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A DEED NOTICE TO MEMORIALIZE A LETTER OF INTERPRETATION FROM NJDEP ON TOWNSHIP-OWNED PROPERTY AT HARPER DRIVE, BLOCK 3201, LOT 3

Mayor Gillespie opened the public hearing; there were no comments.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: Mr. Van Dyken
VOTE: All in favor

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion by Council. There was none.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance on second reading.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin
SECONDED BY: Ms. Mammarella
ABSENT: Mr. Van Dyken
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: The Township Manager read Ordinance 14-2022 by title.

**14-2022 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A DECLARATION OF
STORMWATER EASEMENT ON TOWNSHIP-OWNED PROPERTY AT
712 NORTH LENOLA ROAD (BLOCK 602, LOT 30)**

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to introduce the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing date for July 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: Mr. Van Dyken
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

The Township Manager read Ordinance 15-2022 by title. He advised this ordinance authorizes adoption of the New Albany Business Park Redevelopment Plan in connection with the Pulverizing site. Mr. Aberant advised that since the posting of the agenda online, page 4, last paragraph of the Plan was revised to correct “July 11, 2022, by Resolution # 15-2022” to “June 13, 2022, Resolution #157-2022. The revised version will be posted on the website.

**15-2022 ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 1400,
LOTS 13, 14, AND 15, BLOCK 900, LOTS 3, 7, 8, AND 9 IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY**

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to introduce the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing date for August 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: Mr. Van Dyken
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: The Township Manager read the consent agenda resolutions by title.

**168-2022 ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOSLYN JOHNSON FROM
THE APPEARANCE COMMITTEE**

**169-2022 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR SERVICES RECEIVED IN
CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A
HOUSING PLAN FOR MOORESTOWN TOWNSHIP, BURLINGTON COUNTY
(CLARKE CATON HINTZ, SURENIAN)**

170-2022 APPROVING THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT

171-2022 AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CORE AND MAIN LP FOR PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF WATER METERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000

172-2022 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN PLANNING BOARD TO REVIEW A PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 1400, LOTS 13, 14, AND 15, BLOCK 900, LOTS 3, 7, 8, AND 9 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

173-2022 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PORTION OF 621 GARWOOD ROAD (COMMONLY KNOWN AS A PORTION OF THE FLYING FEATHER FARM)

Mayor Gillespie opened the floor to the public. There were no comments.

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion by Council. Mr. Law asked for clarification on Resolution No. 173-2022; Mr. Aberant provided same. Mr. Heinold advised that the closing is scheduled for next week (contingent upon the seller doing certain things concerning its subdivision approval).

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: Mr. Van Dyken
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

MINUTES: None

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: Mayor Gillespie asked for comment or a motion to approve the bill list.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: Mr. Van Dyken
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Items listed on and/or off the Agenda):

Barbara Rich, 37 East Central Avenue, handed out copies of a publication from ANJEC that featured the plantings on Westfield Road at the barn on the cover and inside. She acknowledged her pride in the site being honored by ANJEC.

Fred and Kathy Sutherland, 417 North Church Street. Mr. Sutherland asked Mayor Gillespie if she received his email. She said yes, the County will be here Thursday at 1:00 for a meeting with staff; the County is aware of the last two accidents that occurred on North Church Street. Ms. Sutherland noted that the first accident was not related to speeding; in today's accident, the teenager (hit on a bicycle) did not have a helmet on. Ms. Sutherland felt that the street is narrow and 35 mph is too high. She noted that there are tractor trailers and speeders on the road constantly. She advised that they (she and her husband) would like to see the speed limit lowered and also traffic stopped at Maple Avenue and Locust Street. She expressed their appreciation for the improvements made and said the crossing light is great, when it works. She did not feel that it was unreasonable to ask for a four-way stop sign, a lower speed limit and the law enforced. She noted that there are a lot more cars and children on the street. Mayor Gillespie hoped for satisfaction from the County noting there is a new Director.

Ms. Sutherland advised that she is not against improvements at Yancy-Adams Park. She did not want to see a community garden, but wanted something peaceful (not a nighttime hangout); she supported the idea of a practice field for the kids.

Christina Keenan 427 North Church Street, concurred with the comments from the Sutherlands regarding traffic; she too found that vehicles travel way too fast on the street. With regard to Yancy-Adams Park, Ms. Keenan expressed her desire to keep the area as an open space.

There being no further comment, the floor was closed.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL: Mr. Law agreed with the Sutherlands about the traffic issues on North Church Street; he supported the idea of a four-way stop sign. He also felt that precedence has been set with the lowering of the speed limit on County roads, evidenced by the lowering on Chester Avenue. He looked forward to future conversations with the County. Mr. Law congratulated STEM on its recognition by ANJEC on Swede Run. Mr. Law encouraged the public to review the New Albany Road Business Park Redevelopment Plan. He felt that the Township and the taxpayers will ultimately benefit from this action.

Mr. Zipin also congratulated STEM on the recognition received. He commended the project and work done, noting it is just a start, not a finish.

Ms. Mammarella also expressed her appreciation for the recognition by ANJEC. She advised Ms. Rich that the "THE BARBARA RICH PRESERVE AT LITTLE WOODS" sign is up at the preserve. She hoped that a sign(s) ceremony could be held.

Mayor Gillespie advised that the Economic Development Advisory Committee and Low and Moderate Income Oversight Committee have upcoming meetings.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to continue the proclamation to the next meeting (since no one was present to receive).

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: Mr. Van Dyken
VOTE: All in favor

CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY) (RESOLUTION NO. CS 07 11 2022): None.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:38 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Ms. Mammarella
ABSENT: Mr. Van Dyken
VOTE: All in favor

PATRICIA L. HUNT, RMC
Township Clerk