

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
OFFICIAL ACTION MEETING

September 18, 2023

(This meeting was held in-person and virtually/telephonically)

The Regular Meeting of the Moorestown Township Council was called to order by Mayor Gillespie at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Council Chamber, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown. Attendance was as follows:

Nicole Gillespie, Mayor
Quinton Law, Deputy Mayor
Sue Mammarella, Councilmember
Jake Van Dyken, Councilmember
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 September 15, 2023.

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; all were present.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation- Swearing In and Recognition of Police Officers: Director Riley announced that there have been two recent promotions in the Department: Andrew Weist was promoted to Lieutenant and Joel Mufalli was promoted to Sergeant. Lieutenant Weist and Sergeant Mufalli were joined by family and Mayor Gillespie administered the oaths. Director Reilly congratulated the officers.

Director Reilly called up Officers Michael Toscani, Brian Stovall, Kevin Sloan and Joshua Graham. He advised that these officers were being honored in connection with a life-saving event that occurred on July 26, 2023. The officers responded to a call on an unconscious male at Memorial Field. When the officers arrived, the male was in cardiac arrest. The officers took action (like a well-oiled machine) and, after several attempts, revived him. The male was admitted over

time to three different hospitals, has been released and was in the audience this evening. Each officer was pinned with a commendation award; there was a standing ovation.

Mayor Gillespie congratulated the officers that were promoted and extended her appreciation and gratitude to the life-saving officers and department in general.

Presentation- Moorestown Rotary Regarding the Creation of a Community Mural: Lon Haines, Moorestown Rotary (Lunch Club) and Allison Hunt, Perkins Center for the Arts, were present. Mr. Haines advised that the Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self." He advised that the Rotary is proposing, for its 100th Anniversary in the Spring of 2025, to create a mural celebrating the history of Moorestown. The foundation of the mural will be a tree with the township's mentionable history as the fruits of the tree. He advised that the Perkins Center and the Moorestown Historical Society have helped in the development of the design. Ms. Hunt showed a large sample of the artwork. He advised of the groups, and community at large, that would be invited to participate in developing the final design. The mural will cost between \$20-40,000 (funded by the Rotary); they are not asking the Township for any money. The mural would be placed on the North Church Street Recreation Center exterior wall that faces the town green. Ms. Hunt described how the mural would be developed on panels and installed on top of the brick itself, not painted on the brick. Much discussion was held. Mayor Gillespie noted she did not hear any objection and recommended, as discussed, that the proposal be presented/discussed with the Appearance and Tree Planting and Preservation Committees. Mr. Aberant advised that ultimately a resolution approving an agreement which memorializes the terms would be approved by Council. Mr. Haines was advised that Council would like to receive a letter from the Historical Society and the Appearance Committee with any recommendations or approval before an agreement is signed.

DISCUSSION:

Reports from Council:

Mr. Zipin wished those that celebrate a Happy New Year.

Mr. Van Dyken advised that the dedication of the Full Throttle Field will be on September 27 at 6 p.m.

Ms. Mammarella provided an update on the PSE&G and Sustainable Moorestown outreach energy program/audit. She advised that the Sustainable Moorestown Fall Yard Sale is on October 7. She encouraged all to sign up.

Deputy Mayor Law thanked the law enforcement officers for their service and heroism. He congratulated the others on their promotions. He advised that the Tree Planting and Preservation Committee met last week; they are discussing the upcoming shade tree conference, at which representatives of the committee will be. Mr. Law thanked the Moorestown Cultural Arts Program noting that students joined in on the Mayor's and his listening session on traffic and public safety some weeks ago. They invited him back to their family connection dinner to talk about what they

did over the summer. He commended them for becoming involved.

Mayor Gillespie advised on the upcoming meetings of the Environmental Advisory Committee and Economic Development Advisory Committee. She advised that she attended the MEND fundraiser and Autumn in Moorestown is on October 14.

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

October 2, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. (Official Action)

October 16, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. (Official Action)

Agenda Updates: None.

Adopting Consent Agenda Resolution No. CA 09 18 2023: Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Zipin
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA CA 09 18 2023

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.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA AHCA 09 18 2023: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Aberant reported:

- He is working with R & V Engineers on scheduling meetings regarding Yancy-Adams Park and conceptual planning. They will also be moving on the conceptual planning for the town green in front of Town Hall. No dates have been set.
- Last week, he, Director Reilly, James Carruthers and the Moorestown Squad met regarding the absorption of the Lenola EMS. He advised that the meeting was very informative and upon conclusion, he felt the Moorestown Squad will be able to capably handle the additional territory. The squad is trying to acquire some of the equipment from the Lenola squad. He advised that the squad will come before Council if it likes. Mayor Gillespie requested they do.
- He and Mr. Carruthers participated in a virtual meeting on the Burlington County Hazard Mitigation Plan. He advised that it is time to update the plan and staff is working with Burlington County on the update. A draft plan is expected early next year.
- With regard to the Westfield Road water tank painting project, a consensus of council was taken to see if the members wanted the tank to mirror the Church Street tank with "Historic Moorestown" which includes the tree(s). Mayor Gillespie and Mr. Law expressed their desire to have the tree(s) included, to mirror the other tank. There were no objections.

Mr. Zipin recused himself; he left the room.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: None.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: The Township Manager read Ordinance 19-2023 by title.

19-2023 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HARPER DRIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$9,250,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,787,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion or a motion to introduce the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing date for October 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Ms. Mammarella
RECUSED: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOLUTIONS: None.

APPROVAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING EXPENDITURES: None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING: None.

Mr. Zipin returned to the meeting/dais.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: The Township Manager read Ordinance 20-2023 by title. Mr. Aberant advised that Mr. Vallen prepared a memo for Council. There was a brief discussion. Mayor Gillespie asked for a maintenance schedule for all pump stations.

20-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$525,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$498,750 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO BE USED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ALLISON COURT PUMPING STATION, TOGETHER WITH ALL RELATED EXPENSES

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion or a motion to introduce the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing date for October 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

The Township Manager read Ordinance 21-2023 by title. Mr. Aberant advised that this was addressed in Mr. Vallen's memo.

21-2023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$250,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$237,500 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO BE USED FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEER AND DESIGN EXPENSES FOR UPGRADING THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT HEADWORKS, TOGETHER WITH ALL RELATED EXPENSES

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion or a motion to introduce the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing date for October 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

The Township Manager read Ordinance 22-2023 by title. Mr. Aberant advised of the equipment to be purchased.

22-2023 A BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$285,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$270,750 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH ALL RELATED EXPENSES

Mayor Gillespie asked for discussion or a motion to introduce the ordinance on first reading and set the public hearing date for October 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Van Dyken
SECONDED BY: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

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

179-2023 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,000 IN CONNECTION WITH A PROJECT KNOWN AS WESTFIELD ROAD TANK PAINTING AND ALTITUDE VALVE REPLACEMENT (U.S. TANK PAINTING, INC.)

180-2023 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES DUE TO A MISREAD, RECALCULATION, LEAK REPAIRS OR A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

181-2023 AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENTS AND TAXES PAID ON EXEMPT PROPERTY

182-2023 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN TO PERMIT THE AWARD OF ONE (1) NEW PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE BY THE HISTORICAL METHOD WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN AND SETTING FORTH THE CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH LICENSE

Mayor Gillespie opened the floor for public comment.

Pete Miller, 518 Devon Road, asked how an additional liquor license came about (due to population or another reason); he was advised, based on the results of the 2020 census, which increased the population over 21,000 (one license per every 7,000 residents). Mayor Gillespie confirmed that allowable locations have not changed.

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

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt the resolutions.

MOTIONED BY: Ms. Mammarella
SECONDED BY: Mr. Law
ABSENT: None
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

MINUTES: None.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Items listed on and/or off the Agenda): Fred Sutherland, 417 North Church Street, asked for the amount of funding the Township received for Yancy-Adams Park. In response to his concerns, Mayor Gillespie advised \$500,000 for the park and the Town Green (together). She assured Mr. Sutherland that Council has not seen plans and there will be two or three public input sessions.

Kathy Sutherland, 417 North Church Street, thought the field at Yancy-Adams Park should be used as a practice field. She questioned why the property had to be developed when there is acreage on Westfield Road and the Mayberry tract. Mayor Gillespie confirmed that there is no requirement on how the money is to be split and there is still a lot of work to be done. Discussion was held and Mayor Gillespie reiterated that there will be opportunity for public input. In response to Ms. Sutherland's question concerning the Nagle tract, Mr. Heinold advised that, last week, Ron Gasiorowski, Esquire filed suit and is challenging the adoption of Ordinance 14-2023 (zoning).

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL: Mr. Zipin thanked all for coming out. He thanked the officers for their distinguished service noting it was humbling to hear the story and see the young man in the audience tonight. He congratulated the other officers on their promotions.

Ms. Mammarella echoed Mr. Zipin's comments and expressed her pride for the officers the Township has and the fact that it has AEDs in every car.

Mr. Law also echoed the comments. He expressed his excitement about public engagement concerning Yancy-Adams Park moving forward. He thanked Senator Singleton for the funding noting the resulted savings to the residents.

Mayor Gillespie thanked all for coming out. She congratulated the officers and thanked the Rotary for attending.

Pete Miller expressed his appreciation for having AEDs in the police vehicles.

CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY) (RESOLUTION NO. CS 09 18 2023): None.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:07 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

MOTIONED BY: Mr. Law
SECONDED BY: Mr. Zipin
ABSENT: None
VOTE: All in favor

PATRICIA L. HUNT, RMC
Township Clerk