

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SPECIAL OFFICIAL ACTION MEETING

November 6, 2023

(This meeting was held virtually)

The Special Meeting of the Moorestown Township Council was called to order by Mayor Gillespie at 5:00 p.m. Attendance was as follows:

Nicole Gillespie, Mayor	Kevin E. Aberant, Township Manager (absent)
Quinton Law, Deputy Mayor	Patricia L. Hunt, Township Clerk
Sue Mammarella, Councilmember	Douglas Heinold, Township Solicitor
Jake Van Dyken, Councilmember	Thomas J. Merchel, Deputy Manager, CFO
David Zipin, Councilmember (absent)	

CALL TO ORDER: At 5:00 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 the 3rd day of November 2023.

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

ROLL CALL: Mayor Gillespie took roll call; Mr. Zipin was absent. Mayor Gillespie noted that Mr. Zipin would have had to recuse himself if he were present.

AGENDA UPDATES: None

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE(S) ON SECOND READING: Mr. Merchel read the ordinance by title and advised that this ordinance was continued from the October 30, 2023 special meeting.

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 (Continued from 10/2/2023 and 10/16/2023 and 10/30/2023))

Mayor Gillespie advised that prior to opening the public hearing, she would like to have Council discussion. She noted that Council and staff have been working on this ordinance and the amount to be increased for weeks. She asked Mr. Merchel to provide an update on the numbers; he did so. Discussion was held; questions and answers were had.

After much discussion, Mayor Gillespie asked Mr. Merchel to read Amended Ordinance 19-2023 by title.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 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 \$7,850,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,457,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion to adopt Amended Ordinance 19-2023 on first reading and to set the public hearing date for November 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Tom Beaver, 136 Ramblewood Road, advised that he sent Council an email this morning regarding the Community Options house. He advised that more incidents have occurred; he provided details. He was advised of the communications Council has been having with Community Options in an attempt for improvement of the situation. Mayor Gillespie hoped that they would have more information tomorrow.

Manny Delgado, 6 Walnut Court, stated that he has been asking for information on the 2021 affordable housing application that was submitted by Pennrose to the HMFA so that he can compare it to the 2023 application. Discussion was held on the financing of the project.

John Boyle, 132 Ramblewood Road, expressed concern with the series of events that have taken place at 137 Ramblewood Road noting same is having an impact on quality of life in the community. He expressed his concern with what he felt was a lack of communication by Council with the residents of the neighborhood. Ms. Mammarella advised that she has been providing updates to the residents; however, if someone needs something, they can always reach out to her. Mayor Gillespie advised that the assurances made by Community Options do not seem to be holding and Council will be following up with them.

Mayor Gillespie thanked all for attending. She encouraged all to vote tomorrow on Election Day.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Ms. Mammarella assured all that they are working to address the concerns in Collins Park. She provided an update on the dedication of Armydis Sordon Park (previously Beech Street Park). Mr. Law invited all to attend the park rededication.

ADJOURNMENT: At 5:31 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.

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

PATRICIA L. HUNT, RMC
Township Clerk