

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 7, 2023

Township Clerk, Linda Martin, calls the Stafford Township Council Meeting to order with the Salute to the Flag and the reading of the Open Public Meeting Statement. Time: 7:00 pm

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT: “THIS MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT BY ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH MEETING DATES FOR 2023. NOTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION OF THESE MEETINGS WERE GIVEN TO THREE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND POSTING OF SAME ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD”.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Esposito-present, Mr. Henken-present, Mr. Krier-present, Ms. Mower-present, Mr. Steadman-present, Council President Otte-present, Mayor Myhre-present

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING MARCH 2023 AS THE 21ST ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2023-05

ACCEPTING A 5.00' WIDE STORM DRAINAGE EASEMENT ACROSS BLOCK 147.37, LOT 289 AKA 83 ANDREW DRIVE

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-05 on 1st reading was made by Mr. Steadman and seconded by Mr. Henken
RCV: All in favor-Mr. Esposito, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Ms. Mower, Mr. Steadman, Ms. Otte, Mayor Myhre

ORDINANCE 2023-06

ACCEPTING A 5.00' WIDE STORM DRAINAGE EASEMENT ACROSS BLOCK 147.85, LOT 7 ALSO KNOWN AS 120 PETER ROAD

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-06 on 1st reading was made by Mr. Esposito and seconded by Mr. Henken
RCV: All in favor-Mr. Esposito, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Ms. Mower, Mr. Steadman, Ms. Otte, Mayor Myhre

ORDINANCE 2023-07

DESIGNATING A STOP INTERSECTION AT THE INTERSECTION OF POLLYPOD ROAD AND S. MAIN STREET

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-07 on 1st reading was made by Mr. Otte and seconded by Ms. Mower
RCV: All in favor-Mr. Esposito, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Ms. Mower, Mr. Steadman, Ms. Otte, Mayor Myhre

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2023-90

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-90 was made by Ms. Mower and seconded by Mr. Esposito
RCV: All in favor-Mr. Esposito, Mr. Henken, Ms. Mower, Mr. Steadman, Ms. Otte, Mayor Myhre
Mr. Krier-No

RESOLUTION 2023-91

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STAFFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FUNDING CUTS

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-91 was made by Ms. Otte and seconded by Mr. Henken
RCV: All in favor-Mr. Esposito, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Ms. Mower, Mr. Steadman, Ms. Otte, Mayor Myhre

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED WITH A SINGLE MOTION. ANY ITEMS REQUIRING EXPENDITURE AND SUPPORTED BY A “CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS” BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. ANY ITEM REQUIRING DISCUSSION WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA. ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE REFLECTED IN FULL IN THE MINUTES.

RESOLUTION 2023-92

ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF BARBARA FURMAN

RESOLUTION 2023-93

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ALLEN ALFANO

RESOLUTION 2023-94

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF HARRY CASE FROM HIS POSITION WITH THE TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2023-95

AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR DRY CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE STAFFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO STAFFORD CLEANERS

RESOLUTION 2023-96

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES ON EXEMPT PROPERTY

RESOLUTION 2023-97

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO TRANSFER TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION 2023-98

ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN JAMES VAUGHN

RESOLUTION 2023-99

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE LOAN REPAYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED IN PERRY’S LAKE

RESOLUTION 2023-100

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH NICCOLI FROM HIS POSITION WITH THE TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2023-101

AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR CAR WASH AND DETAILING SERVICES FOR STAFFORD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL VEHICLES TO SHOWTIME AUTO SPA, LLC (2023-002)

****RESOLUTION 2023-102****

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT- REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND VOTED AS A STAND ALONE RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2023-103

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS ACCORDING TO 40A:4-59

RESOLUTION 2023-105

AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY ID#65-MCESCCPS (F/N/A MIDDLESEX COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION) CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-11(5)

RESOLUTION 2023-106

AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED OCEAN COUNTY COOPERATIVE CONTRACTING PURCHASING SYSTEM (ID# CK-02-OC) CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING, UNITS WITHIN THE OCEAN COUNTY'S GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-11(6)

RESOLUTION 2023-107

AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVE STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:11-12a

RESOLUTION 2023-108

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS ACCORDING TO 40A:4-59

RESOLUTION 2023-109

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION 2023-110

ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN OLEV ALLIKMAA

WATER/SEWER RESOLUTIONS

W/S RESOLUTION 2023-18

ACCEPTING CLOSEOUT DOCUMENTS, MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE, AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT TO A.C. SCHULTES, INC. (Bid #2022-059)

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL

**Ron's Lickety Split Ice Cream
Café Blossom on the go-Food Truck
Equiox Solar Inc. DBA Brilliant Solar
Lunch Wagon-Food Truck
R & J Griddle-Food Truck
Both investigated and approved by the Stafford Township Police Department**

Motion to adopt the consent agenda of March 7, 2023

Motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Mr. Krier and seconded by Mr. Steadman
RCV: All in favor-Mr. Esposito, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Ms. Mower, Mr. Steadman, Ms. Otte, Mayor Myhre

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2023-102

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT-

RCV: All in favor-Mr. Esposito, Mr. Henken, Ms. Mower, Ms. Otte, Mayor Myhre
Mr. Krier & Mr. Steadman-No

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,994,626.92

Motion to approve the Voucher Resolution was made by Ms. Otte and seconded by Mr. Henken
RCV: All in favor-Mr. Esposito, Mr. Henken, Mr. Krier, Ms. Mower, Mr. Steadman, Ms. Otte, Mayor Myhre

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Mayor Myhre-Mayor attended along with the Township Administrator, Public Works Superintendent and the Head of the Road Department met with the Ocean County Road Department on March 24th to review the Schedule C agreement for improvements to certain roads within Stafford Township. Water Tower behind the

Municipal Building is on schedule for completion at the end of March. A Mental Health workshop for seniors will be held on March 24th at 10 am at the Community Center on Bay Avenue. A Resiliency workshop will be held at Town Hall on Tuesday March 14th at 6 pm. Bunny Hop 5k will be on April 2nd to benefit the local organization of Family Promise. Link for registration is on the Township website. Mayor Thanked the Tax Collection office and the Water Sewer office for exceeding their collection rate of above 99% for the 10th year in a row.

Councilman Steadman- Reported on the activities of the Stafford Township Construction Department for Feb 2023. 136 Construction permits were issued, 1154 Inspections, 88 Zoning permits issued. 7 Certificates of occupancy for new single family dwellings. 1 Certificate of occupancy for Taco Bell on Rt. 72. 7 Temporary Certificates of occupancy. 6 Rental Certificates of occupancy. 2 Commercial tenant fit outs, one for Golden Jade restaurant, and a new Dog Groomer at 145 Main St.

Councilwoman Mower-Beginning March 10th there will be a new exercise class on Friday's at the Community Center. Sit and Fit. Death café is returning March 14 from 1 to 3 pm. Moderated by Senior advisory members Debra Dooley and Barbara Reynolds. Registration is required. Green Team will meet on April 3rd at 6 pm. Two events are planned for Earth Day on April 22, 2023 Second life toy drive and the Town wide cleanup at 7 sites throughout the Township. End of Stafford Avenue, Walt Brummer Blvd, Manahawkin Lake Park, Neptune Basin. Ocean Acres Elementary School, end of Oxycocus Road and Neptune Road.

Councilwoman Otte-Please be proactive and very careful of open flames. Dispose of cigarettes properly. To obtain the daily fire danger rating visit the NJ Forest Fire website. Councilwoman attended the Animal control annual Free Rabies Clinic on February 25th. She thanked all who participated as well as all the Township Employees who participated. Names were taken for residents interested in microchipping their pets. More information can be obtained by calling the Township Animal Control Dept. Ocean County Animal Facility is still closed for renovations. Residents can go to the Barnegat facility to adopt. Stafford EMS had a total of 220 calls this month. Year to date 509. Orientation is February 18th for 16 new probationary members. Councilwoman attended the Read across America program at the Ocean Acres School.

Councilman Krier-Stafford Water and Sewer Super report for February 2023. Township water plant provided 47.7 million gallons of water. Total utility mark outs 218. Daily work completed, inspection of pump stations, work orders, water meter reading and repairs. Service and maintenance and repairs to any water and sewer systems as needed.

Councilman Henken-Spring Running and Tennis programs will be returning in the spring. To register visit the Recreation pages on the Stafford Website. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 2 from 11 to 1 pm at the Municipal Building. Light food and entertainment. Rain date Friday April 7th. Town wide yard sale will be held on May 6 & 7. Deadline to register is April 21st. A second Town Wide yard sale will be held on September 9 & 10th. The Recreation Department is currently hard at work on the Summer Camp activities for 2023. Full lists of activities will be available for view on the Township website by the end of March.

Councilman Esposito-Reported on the activities of the Stafford Township Public Works Department. Road division swept 13 miles of roads. Inspected storm water inlets. Normal pot hole patching continues. Bulk trash pickup continues as scheduled. Leaf collection ended in December and will begin again in April. Residents are reminded that bulk, metal and trash are pickup up by a monthly schedule. Item for bulk should be placed at the curb the Sunday before your scheduled week.

PUBLIC COMMENT - 5 MINUTE LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL

FIVE (5) MINUTE LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL. ALL COMMENTS WILL BE ADDRESSED TO THE MAYOR AND ALL INDIVIDUALS MAKING COMMENT MUST STATE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD. MAYOR MYHRE WILL RESPOND ONCE YOUR COMMENT IS COMPLETE

Mayor Myhre opened public comment

There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment

RESOLUTION -EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS FOLLOWING WITHIN THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion to recess to Executive Session was made by Mr. Henken and seconded by Ms. Otte
All in favor-AYE

Motion to close Executive Session was made by Ms. Otte and seconded by Ms. Mower
All in favor-AYE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Township Council Meeting of March 7, 2023 was made by Ms. Otte and seconded by Ms. Mower

All in favor: AYE

Time 10:00 pm