

**STAFFORD TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 12, 2020**

Mayor Myhre 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 MEETINGS ACT BY ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH MEETING DATES FOR 2020. NOTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION OF THESE MEETINGS WERE GIVEN TO THREE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND POSTING OF SAME ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD”.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Dr. Guariglia - Present, Mr. Henken - Present, Mr. Krier - Present, Mr. Pfancook – Absent, Mr. Steadman - Present, Mr. Williams - Present, Mayor Myhre - Present**

**PROCLAMATION**

**Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15, 2020 - Police Week May 10-16, 2020**

**ORDINANCES SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION**

**ORDINANCE 2020-07**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 147 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED “OPEN BURNING”**

**Mayor Myhre opened public comment**

**There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-07 on second reading was made by Mr. Steadman and seconded by Mr. Henken**

**RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Krier, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre, Mr. Henken, Mr. Williams**

**ORDINANCE 2020-09**

**AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 111 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED “FIRE PREVENTION”**

**Mayor Myhre opened public comment**

**There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-09 on second reading was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Henken**

**RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Krier, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre, Mr. Henken, Mr. Williams**

**ORDINANCE 2020-10**

**ADDING SECTION 111-9 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED “FOOD VENDOR AND FOOD TRUCK REQUIREMENTS”**

**Mayor Myhre opened public comment**

**There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-10 on second reading was made by Mr. Krier and seconded by Mr. Steadman**

**RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Krier, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre, Mr. Henken, Mr. Williams**

**ORDINANCE 2020-11**

**AUTHORIZING BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION OF AN EASEMENT INTEREST IN A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1 FOREST EDGE COURT, BLOCK 51, LOT 1.18**

**Mayor Myhre opened public comment**

**There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-11 on second reading was made by Mr. Steadman and seconded by Mr. Guariglia**

**RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Krier, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre, Mr. Henken, Mr. Williams**

**ORDINANCE 2020-12**

**AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OF AN EASEMENT INTEREST IN A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2 FOREST EDGE COURT, BLOCK 51, LOT 1.24**

**Mayor Myhre opened public comment**

**There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-12 on second reading was made by Mr. Henken and seconded by Mr. Williams**

**RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Krier, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre, Mr. Henken, Mr. Williams**

**ORDINANCE 2020-13**

**AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION OF AN EASEMENT INTEREST IN A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 153 BRIGANTINE ROAD, BLOCK 44.2, LOT 14**

**Mayor Myhre opened public comment**

**There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-13 on second reading was made by Mr. Krier and seconded by Mr. Williams**

**RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Krier, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre, Mr. Henken, Mr. Williams**

**ORDINANCE 2020-14**

**AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF BLOCK 56.09, LOT 15 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AT PRIVATE SALE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1**

**Mayor Myhre opened public comment**

**There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-14 on second reading was made by Mr. Guariglia and seconded by Mr. Henken**

**RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Krier, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre, Mr. Henken, Mr. Williams**

**ORDINANCE 2020-15**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 153 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER"**

**Mayor Myhre opened public comment**

**There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-15 on first reading was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Krier**

**RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Krier, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre, Mr. Henken, Mr. Williams**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED WITH A SINGLE MOTION. ANY ITEMS REQUIRING EXPENDITURE ARE 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 2020-183**

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS-PUBLIC WORKS LAGOON MAINTENANCE**

**RESOLUTION 2020-184**

**APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS – PUBLIC WORKS DRIVER**

**RESOLUTION 2020-185**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS - PUBLIC WORKS-MECHANIC**

**RESOLUTION 2020-186**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS - BUILDING DEPARTMENT - CLERK TYPIST**

**RESOLUTION 2020-187**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS - RESIGNATION OF IAN BARLET, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**RESOLUTION 2020-188**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A VETERAN'S DISABILITY TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 ON BLOCK 147.33, LOT 17 (32 CLARENCE DRIVE)**

**RESOLUTION 2020-189**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE**

**RESOLUTION 2020-190**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AWARDED CONTRACT FOR THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF OFFICE SUPPLIES TO W.B. MASON CO., INC. FOR THE STAFFORD TOWNSHIP COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

**RESOLUTION 2020-191**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS - BUILDING DEPARTMENT – PART-TIME CLERK TYPIST**

**RESOLUTION 2020-192**

**PROCLAMATION FOR DIANE BROWN'S RETIREMENT ON JUNE 1, 2020 AS PURCHASING SPECIALIST IN THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

**RESOLUTION 2020-193**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS – FIRE PREVENTION DEPARTMENT – FIRE INSPECTOR**

**RESOLUTION 2020-194**

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

**WATER/SEWER RESOLUTIONS**

**W/S RESOLUTION 2020-18**

**AUTHORIZING THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY COLLECTOR TO CANCEL WATER AND/OR SEWER CHARGES-BLOCK 55, LOT 12.**

**APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

**Blue Light permit-Stafford EMS**

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

**April 28, 2020**

**Motion to adopt the consent agenda of May 12, 2020 was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Krier**

**RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Krier, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre, Mr. Henken, Mr. Williams**

**VOUCHER RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,428,782.63**

**Motion to adopt the voucher resolution of May 12, 2020 was made by Mr. Henken and seconded by Mr. Williams**

**RCV: All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Krier, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre, Mr. Henken, Mr. Williams**

**GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

**MAYOR**

**Mayor stated: For those of you that have not paid your property taxes yet, no worry, last Friday May 8, we had a special meeting that we held as to Resolution extending the property tax deadline to June 1 if you do not pay by June 1 it does not go back to the grace period it goes back to May 1. Action had to be taken by the Governor in order to be able to do this. Again if you haven't paid your property taxes you do have until June 1.**

**Friday, May 1, we had a WEBEX session with business owners throughout town it was pretty well attended and general feel among them is that they are anxious and ready to reopen. A lot of creative ideas and solutions for safety measures. A lot of things were discussed such as longer operating hours and safety partitions for hair salons, appointment only, a lot of great ideas out there and I made sure they knew that I would take it to the governor of which I did on last Tuesdays tri county conference call. I mentioned it to his representatives and it was also stated by several other not just Ocean County Mayors but also people from Atlantic and Cape May County as well, we live at a shore community as we all know it is a very seasonal economy, if we don't open at some greater capacity soon it is really going to have a huge effect on our local economy and people who live here. Not something we want to see.**

**Today's call same thing was mentioned and it did give us a little bit of good news that you can expect to get some sort of a time table this week for certain types of business specifically construction and retail businesses deemed as non-essential. There should be some timeline guidance on those. They are still sticking with more of a plan one size fits all, what works in north jersey, works in south jersey. I stressed to them that is a whole different world south of I95 it might be a more densely populated state in the country but it is not equal distribution of people throughout the state, as you know, this is not Hudson County or Essex County, this is Ocean County.**

They also addressed the issue of unemployment that is something I have not heard about until recently by residents reaching out, we are getting increasing calls about that and New Jersey has the best rate for the claims processing which is still at about 60 percent which is far from great but supposedly is the best in the entire country and as far as claims that get delayed the rate has not changed it is just that the absolute numbers are so much higher than they were, we have had over a million people that have filed for unemployment since March when the coronavirus pandemic really broke out here. So that is some information for you, I know it is not always reassuring but that is all we have right now. We are going to continue to press for a swift and safe reopening. As much as people want to reopen here, we still have to abide by the Executive Orders from the Governor's orders specifically 107 and 108 which we discussed at the last meeting. It is extremely frustrating, the breach of the infection appears to be going down, there is fewer people being hospitalized for it, I think the Governor is being overly cautious, people have different opinions, that is the state of where things are right now.

I got a call from a resident today, he just wanted to give his compliments to the bulk pick up group for doing such a great job at keeping our town neat and tidy, he is over in the Deer Lake Park section of town, he said they did a great job cleaning up after the storm not too long ago. Also another letter thanking Carol and Vickie in the Clerk's Office for all the work they do.

Projects throughout town: DOT work continues on Route 72 and are making progress in the basin area, I know a lot of people have been up and out, there are a whole lot of changes on Route 72 in front of TD Bank, BHW Sewer Rehab Project is on target to be completed sometime in June and the Morris Blvd. Bridge Project is also on schedule to be completed very soon. That concludes my report.

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

George Williams - Thank you Mayor and Happy National Nutty Fudge Day to you and the rest of the council and I agree with you that the state unemployment system is a joke. The Stafford Township Dial a Ride will be suspended from May 11 to May 16, 2020. Dial a Ride services will be evaluated weekly and ride information can be obtained by calling 609-597-1000, Ext. 8222, we apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience once again during our proactive measures to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Finally, I would like to congratulate the township's Green Team Advisory Committee and Kelly Mitch for submitting the township's Sustainable Jersey Application, this certification application was submitted on May 5, 2020 and we expect to receive comments on the application sometime in the middle of July. Kelly Mitch, who is doing a really good job, has been serving as the Township's Intern, completed her internship on May 5, 2020. In total the Township application now has 270 points documented with all the requirements to be considered for the bronze level of certification in the Sustainable Jersey Program. I would like to thank the Township's Green Team and Kelly for all their hard work in getting the application together.

Paul Krier – Superintendent Report for the Stafford Township Water and Sewer Department. During the month of April the Township Plants pumped about 52 million gallons to customers, 325 mark outs, daily work completed, including inspection and operation of all water plants and pump stations, completion of daily work orders, water meter readings and repairs, servicing maintenance on all vehicles and repairs that are necessary to the water and sewer system as needed. That concludes the report on the Water and Sewer Department. Mr. Krier also wanted to take a moment to thank the Ocean Acres Civic Association for placing flags out in the veteran's park behind town hall in recognition for the upcoming memorial service.

Robert Henken – no comments.

Thomas Steadman – The April 2020 Building and Zoning Report is as follows: a total of 90 Construction Permits issued, 709 inspections were done and 77 Zoning Permits were issued. Mr. Steadman thanked Diane Brown, Purchasing Specialist in the Purchasing Department. Diane has served the Township for 25 years and she has served on the Historic Preservation Commission as the Commission Secretary. Diane has been a dedicated hard worker and has been a great asset to the Township. She has touched many lives in the Township with all her hard work and thank you Diane for all your hard work.

Anthony Guariglia – Read the EMS report and stated that EMS asked that he extend a thank you to our Governing Body and the Township for all their help.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 5 MINUTE LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL

**Mayor Myhre opened public comment**

**There being none Mayor Myhre closed public comment**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Anthony Guariglia.**

**RCV:** All in favor-Dr. Guariglia, Mr. Krier, Mr. Steadman, Mayor Myhre, Mr. Henken, Mr. Williams

TIME: 7:30 PM