

# MEETING MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN  
COUNTY OF OCEAN  
BUSINESS MEETING  
February 21, 2023  
6:00 pm

Call to Order

Flag Salute

ROLL CALL: LOPARO   X   DODD   X   BAULDERSTONE   X  

**STATEMENT:** Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending a copy of the Notice of Meeting to two newspapers, The Asbury Park Press and the Press of Atlantic City. The Notice was posted at the office of the Township Clerk

**Moment of Silence for the passing of past Committee members and Mayors**

**Richard (Dick) Reilly** – Served on the Township Committee June 28, 2007 – September 24, 2009 and was a member of the Planning Board from 2005-2009. He passed away on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Emile I Dupont** – Elected in November 1971 and was sworn into office on January 1, 1972 and served on the Committee for 3 years. Mr. Dupont was Chairman of the Township Committee for the year 1974. He passed away on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Presentation**

*President, Lacey Rotary Club – Chief Michael DiBella*  
*Check Presentation Playground Equipment – Corliss Park*

Retired Chief Michael DiBella, President, Lacey Rotary Club of Forked River and Waretown, along with four (4) members of the Rotary Club, thanked the Township Committee for working with them and discussed he appreciates being here tonight and is honored. Next month is the Rotary Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, established March 9, 1973. It is an honor to serve as President during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

President DiBella and four Rotary Club members presented a check to the Township Committee in the amount of \$10,000 payable to the Township of Ocean for new playground equipment at Corliss Park Lake & Recreation Area.

President DiBella discussed he drove through the park prior to coming here this evening and will definitely be bringing his dog there on the weekend. The Rotary Club holds various events throughout the year, turkey distribution at Thanksgiving and providing gifts for families with children between the ages of 3-14 around the holidays. The Rotary Club is always looking for new members from Forked River and Waretown. Currently there are 39 members. Fundraising allows the club to provide donations to local organizations, persons in need and international donations, like the Ukraine this past year.

If a Waretown resident would like to join the Lacey Rotary Club they can come to the luncheon meetings held every Tuesday at 12:15 pm at the Captains Inn on East Lacey Road in Forked River or the evening

meetings are every other Thursday at 6:00 pm at the new Community Hall in Forked River. There are a certain amount of meetings that have to be attended before a person can apply to become a member.

Thank you for having us here this evening. The Rotary Club is looking forward to seeing the new playground equipment at Corliss Park.

Retired Chief Kenneth Flatt discussed the Forked River Rotary Club assists Waretown as well. It used to be Barnegat, Waretown and Forked River. Barnegat has since started their own Rotary Club. This is why the club is trying to assist Waretown, which they've done for the last 30 years. The greater the membership, the more Waretown will be taken care of.

### **Committee Reports**

Committeeman – Ben LoParo

Thank you for coming to the Township Committee meeting this evening.

Resolution 2023-103. This resolution is authorizing the Township to go out to bid for one (1) 2023 Ford Police Interceptor SUV 4x4 for the Police Department. The Township normally purchased from the New Jersey State contract, however, there are no cars available at this time. The Township has decided to bid for the vehicle.

Municipal Alliance. The Township's Municipal Alliance is funding the afterschool program "Design a Game" beginning the end of February and will continue for 9 weeks. This program has been offered at the school for many years and the children enjoy the program. The Township is glad to fund afterschool programs for the children.

### **Recreation**

A yoga program is being held at the Frederic Priff School on Tuesdays, January through April at 4:00 pm. Walk-ins are always welcomed. The cost is \$12.00 per class. Please contact Jeanne in recreation for further information.

Crochet & Knitting Group. Classes are held at the Community Center and is open to all ages. This is a free class and supplies are provided. Thursdays 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm. Contact Jeanne in Recreation to register.

Thank you.

Deputy Mayor – Lydia M. Dodd

Thank you for joining us this evening.

Ordinance 2023-2 Signs. This ordinance is being amended at the request of commercial businesses and churches within the Township of Ocean. This is to allow LED signs in the Route 9 Zoned C-1 Commercial, to allow LED signs. There are restrictions to the size and how long between changing messages. The public hearing on this ordinance is tonight. This was reviewed by the Planning Board to assure consistency with the Master Plan.

Ordinance 2023-3 Property Insurance and Registration of Business, Rental Property, Multi-Family Property Insurance and Registration. This is a newly passed New Jersey State Law that all municipalities must come in compliance with at this time. This sets guidelines on filing this information in the Clerk's Office. The public hearing is tonight.

Resolution 2023-99. This resolution is authorizing disposal of surplus property within the municipality. The Township sold items through GovDeals that were no longer in use. The sold amount of the last auction was \$15,475.00.

Board of Health. The Ocean Township Board of Health, in conjunction with the Ocean County Health Department, held their annual Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic. The number of dogs vaccinated is 75, Cats Vaccinated is 14. Total vaccinated at no cost is 89 animals. For the residents' convenience, animal licensing at the clinic started last year. This year 44 animals were licensed at the Free Rabies Clinic.

The Township has received e-mails and comments on how great this free clinic is for the residents. Attendees complimented how having the appointments and paperwork completed prior makes the event move quickly and smoothly. There were a few walk ins that were assisted in completing paperwork prior to obtaining the free shots. The Township Committee and I would like to thank all the Volunteers who assisted and Dr. Wurst for his time in vaccinating the animals each year.

CRS Classification Renewal. The Township Committee and I would like to acknowledge Louis Fisher, Construction Official and Jason Worth, Township Engineer, for their tireless work on the Community Rating System for the Township of Ocean. The Township of Ocean has been verified CRS Classification 6.

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). CRS Classes are rated from 9 to 1. This will give residents a discount on their flood insurance. The Township has participated in this program for many years. Each year FEMA seems to make it more difficult but due to the perseverance of the Township Committee in implementing the rules, the residents will continue to benefit with a deduction on their flood insurance rates.

#### January 2023 Construction/Zoning Report

Zoning Department. 11 applications approved, 5 applications pending review and 1 denial application.

Code Enforcement. 16 Notices of Violation, 2 Second Notices of Violation, 2 properties abated their violations and 0 liens placed on properties.

Construction. 88 Permits issued, 19 Permit updates, 81 Certificates of Approval, 5 Certificates of Occupancy, 3 Notices of Violation—work without a permit, 2 Violations of the provisions of the code—fail to call for inspection.

Thank you.

Mayor – Ken Baulderstone

Good evening.

Resilient NJ – Township of Ocean. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting will take place virtually on February 27<sup>th</sup> on Zoom 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. The information has been sent out with the link to the meeting on the Township e-mail, Facebook, Township website, and Township TV channel. Registration is required prior to the meeting.

The Resilient NJ Municipal Assistance Program supports municipalities in integrating climate change science into their planning and decision making, creating a future that is more resilient to the effects of extreme heat, sea level rise, coastal storms, extreme precipitation, and other impacts of climate change.

Bonita Road Improvements. Earle Asphalt has completed storm drainage work on Bonita Road and the base paving of the roadway. Both Bonita Road and Lagoon View Road will be top-paved in the Spring.

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJCA) Local Recreation Grant Program FY 2021– Royal Oaks Drive to Railroad Avenue. The Township was awarded a grant of \$100,000 for a walking trail from Royal Oaks Drive to Railroad Avenue. Down to Earth Landscaping has started the work. The rail is staked out by their surveyors and the trees have been removed. This project should be completed in 4-6 weeks (weather permitting).

Jason Worth, Township Engineer, discussed most of the trees removed were dead.

Community Development Block Grant. The Township has received a Community Development Block Grant for barrier free access improvement for the Construction Office as well as exterior Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) walkway improvements. The survey work and preliminary design of the door automation are complete. Design work for ADA parking lot improvements will be completed by the end of this month. This project will be bid in concert with the improvement to Beacon Drive and Nautilus Road, in order to receive the most competitive bids.

Senior Services. The Senior Advisory meeting is on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. There will be a speaker from Maritime Museum Director Debra Whitcraft and Author Gretchen Coyle (Cuba & SS Morro Castle).

“Take Control of Your Health”. Class is full at this time. There is a waiting list. This six (6) week program started on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, and will continue for six (6) consecutive Thursdays. Please contact Recreation to register.

Ocean County Congregate Meals. Hot meals are served every Monday and Wednesday. Wellness speaker programs and activities are offered after every meal. Fulfill of Monmouth County provides a boxed lunch every Tuesday for attendees to eat in or take home, followed by Bingo for nominal prizes.

These senior events are very well attended and attendance continues to increase every month. Please register. All are welcome.

Senior Center/Community Center Calendars are in the back of the room. There are many exercise classes and social recreation including Art, Bingo, Cards, Mahjong, Bunco, and other games that everyone is welcome to attend. It is a great way to socialize, meet new people and just be able to be out of the house.

Thank you.

Chief of Police - Michal Rogalski

Chief Rogalski read the January 2023 Police Report. The Police Department handled 4,624 incidents for police service, 1 abandoned 911 call, 26 alarms activated and responded to, 18 animal complaints, 2,831 business/residential checks, 3 acts of criminal mischief, 1 disorderly person complaint, 6 domestic violence incidents, 16 verbal disputes/harassment complaints, 19 disabled vehicles, 5 drunk driving arrests, 1 drug arrest, 87 first aid calls, 80 general complaints, 20 motor vehicle accidents, 493 motor vehicle stops, 2 juvenile complaints, 5 psychiatric evaluations, 14 persons were arrested on various warrants, 64 suspicious persons and/or vehicles were investigated and 2 thefts from residences or commercial properties were investigated. A full list of this activity is on the Township website.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Motion to open Public Comment:** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

Robert Lange, 2 Shore Drive, discussed residents are happy with the Police Department. It is much more professional. The Economic Development Committee is not needed anymore. All members of that board did a good job trying to help the Township develop properties and get them back on the tax rolls.

Mr. Lange discussed he has had trouble with the Zoning Office for years. He waited four months to obtain his Certificate of Occupancy when purchasing Spencer's Marina. He received a summons that is wrong. He was accused of doing construction on a formerly subdivided lot. The lot has never been subdivided. An easement was given to his daughter to build a house for the Treasurer of the Fire Department so he could be closer to the Fire Department as a volunteer. Then he was not granted a Certificate of Occupancy because he poured a concrete driveway. Mr. Lange discussed he has been working in New Jersey for 50 years and has never had to permit a concrete driveway. That is harassment.

Fred Cutillo, Barbara Court, discussed Barbara Court is deplorable. It has not been paved since its inception. He cannot walk on it in bare feet. It's like walking on glass. It is constantly cold-patched near Bay Parkway. It lasts 10 days, then the hole is there again. Weeds are growing in the street.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Township is meeting with the Ocean County Road Department formally next Monday at 2:00 pm regarding Barbara Court. Barbara Court has been listed for two years. The County did not do any paving last year due to the road millings. If the County decides not to pave, the Township will have to look at another aspect.

Joan Tredy, 131 Englewood Avenue, discussed the Senior Advisory Committee is so well attended and she attends many of the events. The information provided to the seniors is what is happening in the Township, what it costs, and grants that are just plucked out of the air. Thank you on behalf of the Senior Advisory Committee.

Mayor Baulderstone discussed Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio and Recreation Director Jeanne Broadbent do a great job in getting the grants.

Mrs. Tredy discussed Diane and Jeanne do a great job at everything. Mrs. Tredy discussed she needed the services of the Police Department this week for a suspected break in at one of her rental houses. The Police were there in minutes. Their professionalism was outstanding.

**Motion to close Public Comment** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

**Motion to Approve meeting minutes:** January 2, 2023 and January 17, 2023 was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

**Resolution 2023-98** Payment of Claims – as presented to the Township Committee for payment thereof in the amount of \$4,691,108.35

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Public Hearing**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 299 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “SIGNS” SO AS TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS

**Motion to open Public Hearing - Ordinance 2023-2** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

No comment from the public.

**Motion to close Public Hearing - Ordinance 2023-2** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-2** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-3 - Second Reading – Public Hearing**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 127 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “BUSINESS, RENTAL PROPERTY AND MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTY INSURANCE AND REGISTRATION”

**Motion to open Public Hearing- Ordinance 2023-3:** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

No comment from the public.

**Motion to close Public Hearing - Ordinance 2023-3** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-3** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-4 - First Reading – Title Only**

An Ordinance of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey amending Chapter 322 of the Township code entitled “Stormwater Control” and Chapter 410 of the Township Code entitled “Zoning”

**Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-4** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

**Consent Agenda**

**The below listed items are considered to be routine by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.**

- 2023-99 Resolution authorizing disposal of surplus property of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey such as but not limited to Mini bus, Whelan LED light bars, radios, all-around repair clamps, etc.
- 2023-100 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, supporting the efforts of the Toms River Mayor and Council to have proposed Ciba-Geigy settlement modified to provide greater benefits for all those directly affected whether with health Impacts, economic impacts, or environmental impacts.
- 2023-101 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey encouraging the New Jersey Legislature to pass legislation to increase funding for the dedicated New Jersey Shore Protection Fund to be used for future coastal protection project and provide a further incentive for federal matching funds.
- 2023-102 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN AND THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- 2023-103 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean State of New Jersey authorizing the bidding of one (1) 2023 Ford Police Interceptor SUV 4x4 for the Police Department
- 2023-104 Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, authoring release of a cash guarantee subject to the posting of a bond for Waretown Flex pace, LLC, Block 241.11, Lots 12.03 and 12.09
- 2023-105 Resolution appointing Larry Saunders as Alternate #1 to the Board of Adjustments filling the unexpired term of Debra Scifo who resigned.

**Motion to approve Resolutions 2023-99 through 2023-105**

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes

**Resolution 2023-106**

Resolution authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session for the reasons: Contractual

**Motion to approve Resolution 2023-106** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Boulderstone: Yes

**Motion to approve the below listed dates for the use of the Community Center, Corliss Park Lake & Recreation Area, Waretown Bayfront Park & Pier, Toumey Park, and Ballfields:**

William Laudien – April 29, 2023

Meghan E. Dooley – April 2, 2023

William J Brown Jr. – May 6, 2023

Kimberly Lawrence – July 8, 2023

Lisa Riepl – June 17, 2023

Adam Ridsen – Project Lakeview, Inc – May 20, 2023

Adam Grant – March 19, 2023

Courtney D'Antoni – March 11, 2023

**Motion to approve** was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Boulderstone: Yes

Township Attorney Dasti discussed no formal action will be taken after Executive Session. A motion to adjourn meeting may be requested.

Next Scheduled Business Meetings

March 14, 2023 – 6:00 pm – *NEW DATE*

April 6 2023 – 10:00 am

April 18, 2023 – 6:00 pm

\*\*Meetings can be added or cancelled as necessary

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting was moved by Deputy Mayor Dodd, seconded by Committeeman LoParo.

Roll Call: LoParo: Yes, Dodd: Yes, Boulderstone: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Date