

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL AGENDA\ACTION MEETING
January 11, 2021**

1 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

7:30 P.M.

**All agendas\attachments are available on the Website: www.East Brunswick.org at section Government.*

1. Council President Sullivan called the meeting to order. After a Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence, the Clerk called the roll:

Present: Councilman McEvoy, Councilman Spadafino
Councilman Stanley, Councilman Wendell, Council President Sullivan

Also Present: Mayor Brad Cohen, Michael Baker, Township Attorney
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator; Nennette Perry, Township Clerk;
Angel Albanese, CFO; Captain Drew Walsh, Sgt. Anthony DeSantis

2. Statement of Notice of Publication:

The Clerk read the following:

At a previous Council meeting, the meeting was disrupted by several callers zoom bombing and shouting out racial and religious slurs in an effort to disrupt the meeting.

Be advised that any future attempts to disrupt an East Brunswick Council meeting will be considered harassment and your IP address or Phone number will be turned over to the East Brunswick Police Department and you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by specifying time, date, location and to the extent known, the agenda by posting a copy on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the East Brunswick Municipal Building, providing a copy to the Home News Tribune and Sentinel newspapers, posting a copy on the Township's website and by a filing a copy in the office of the Township Clerk which will be entered in the minutes.

The Township is using the telephone meeting format in an effort to mitigate the chance of exposure to COVID-19, as a part of the Township's ongoing effort to slow the rate of transmission and avoid overwhelming our treatment centers. The Dial in Information and Final Agenda have been posted on the Township website and are posted on EBTv for members of the public.

In order to make sure a clear record of the meeting can be made and that all parties are heard in an organized fashion, all members of the public will be muted during the meeting. If a member of the public wishes to speak during any public comment portion, please press *9 (star nine) in order to raise your hand to speak. We will unmute members of the public individually if they have their hand raised. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a notification that you have been unmuted. It is at that time that you should begin to ask any questions you may have. You will have three minutes to speak, at the conclusion of which you will be muted again, and the council or administration will respond as necessary. Should you have any further comments or questions, the Township Council is always available by email and phone, and you can always call the Mayor's office during normal operating hours. Each member of the public shall only have one opportunity to speak during each public portion. As the technology does not allow us to know if there are multiple callers on an individual line, we ask that if you wish to speak, that you dial in on a separate line so that we can recognize you as a separate individual.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we as we implement this new technology to continue to move the Township forward during this Health Emergency.

3. Presentations, Proclamations and Discussions:

None

4. Agenda Session: (Discussion Only – No Vote)

None

5. Public Hearing:

None

6. Reports of Mayor, Administrator, Director of Law, Clerk, Council Committee/Board, Ad Hoc Committees Reports, Request Communication:

Mayor Cohen – no report.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator – Thanked the Mayor and Council for their support on his reappointment.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney – no report.

Nennette Perry, Township Clerk – no report.

7. Public Portion:

Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public.

There being no discussion, the public portion was closed.

8. Consent Agenda: (Resolutions)

Council President Sullivan asked if anyone wished to have any items separated from the Consent Agenda. Councilman McEvoy asked that Items G, AA and DD be separated from the agenda. Council President Sullivan read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

- A. 16986 Of the Township Council of East Brunswick Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website
- B. 16987 Appointing Representatives to the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee for Year 2021
- C. 16988 Authorizing An Electronic Tax Sale
- D. 16989 Authorizing Mailing and Advertising of Tax Sale Notices
- E. 16990 Authorizing Interest Rate/Grace Period/Year End Penalty
- F. 16991 Re: State Contract Purchases – 2021
- H. 16993 Appointing Nennette Perry as a Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of East Brunswick in the Awarding of Contracts Pursuant to P.L. 1975 c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27)
- I. 16994 Authorizing the Tax Assessor to File Appeals and Execute Stipulations of Settlement on Behalf of the Township of East Brunswick

- J. 16995 Official Newspaper
- K. 16996 Appointing a Fund Commissioner and Safety Representative to the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund
- L. 16997 Appointing Emergency Management Coordinator
- M. 16998 Appointments of the East Brunswick Office of Emergency Management
- N. 16999 2021 Mayor Appointments with Advice and Consent of Township Council to Various Boards and Commissions
- O. 17000 Appointing to the East Brunswick Ethical Standards Board
- P. 17001 Township Council Citizen Appointments to the Various Boards and Commissions for 2021
- Q. 17002 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to "Fair and Open Process," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (Municipal Prosecutor)
- R. 17003 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to "Fair and Open Process," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (Zoning and Planning Boards)
- S. 17004 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to "Fair and Open Process," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (Tax Appeal Appraiser, Special Litigation Counsel, General Legal Services Attorney, Redevelopment, Labor Counsel and Conflicts Counsel)
- T. 17005 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to "Fair and Open Process," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (Auditor)
- U. 17006 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to "Fair and Open Process," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (Bond Counsel)
- V. 17007 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to "Fair and Open Process," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (Architectural Services – Special Projects, Redevelopment Consulting Services, Planner Services)
- W. 17008 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to "Fair and Open Process," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (Township Attorney)
- X. 17009 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to "Fair and Open Process," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (Township Engineer)
- Y. 17010 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to "Fair and Open Process," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (Property Tax Matters)
- Z. 17011 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to "Fair and Open Process," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (Engineering Services – Special Projects, Environmental, Traffic Signal & Intersection Design, Road, Sewer, Water, Traffic, Parking and Parking Decks)
- BB. 17013 Authorizing Governing Body to Sign Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "*Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*"

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- CC. 17014 To Affirm the Township of East Brunswick's Civil Rights Policy with Respect to all Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that Come Into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers
- EE. 17016 Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund Tax Overpayments
- FF. 17017 Authorizing the Appointment of Special Police Officers
- GG. 17018 Authorizing the Administrator to Execute Contracts of \$44,000 or Less for Year 2021
- HH. Approval of Raffle License RA2495 – PTA Lawrence Brook – March 17, 2021
- II. Approval of Raffle License RA2496 – PTA Lawrence Brook – March 1, 2021 to May 24, 2021.
- JJ. Approval of Council Agenda\Action Meeting Minutes – December 28, 2020
- KK. Approval of Council Reorganization Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2021

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the Consent Agenda Items A to F, H to Z, BB, CC and EE to KK. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Stanley - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the Consent Agenda Items A to F, H to Z, BB, CC and EE to KK were declared adopted.

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- G. 16992 Authorizing the Township of East Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, to Become a Member of the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System, NJWCPS

Councilman McEvoy moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy asked why the need for this resolution. Mr. Criscuolo indicated we are joining the Co-op to save money. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Stanley - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the resolution was declared adopted.

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- AA. 17012 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to "Fair and Open Process," N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (Library Board)

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy thanked the Mayor and Council for their support with the Library. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Stanley - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the resolution was declared adopted.

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- DD. 17015 Authorizing the East Brunswick Police Department to Acquire a Packbot or Other Type of Demil Code B-Q Remotely Controlled Robot from the Federal 1033 Program

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman McEvoy seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy asked why this cannot be bought outright instead of through this Federal program. Mr. Criscuolo indicated it is expensive to buy outright. The Chief would rather try getting it through the Federal program. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Stanley - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the resolution was declared adopted.

9. Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing Date: January 25, 2021

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance by title only:

- A. Ord. 21-01 Calendar Year 2021 Ordinance 21-01 To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and To Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Councilman Wendell moved that the ordinance be adopted on first reading, that it be published according to law and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on January 25, 2021 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion. Councilman Wendell indicated we pass this ordinance yearly. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Stanley - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the ordinance was adopted on first reading.

10. New Business:

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- A. 17019 Determining The Form And Other Details Of Not To Exceed \$24,200,000 Principal Amount Of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Federally Taxable), Consisting Of Not To Exceed \$6,500,000 General Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Federally Taxable) And Not To Exceed \$17,700,000 Parking Utility Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (Federally Taxable), Of The Township Of East Brunswick, In The County Of Middlesex, New Jersey, And Providing For The Sale And The Delivery Of Such Bonds To PNC Capital Markets, Inc. Or Such Other Underwriter as Determined By the Chief Financial Officer

Councilman Stanley moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Wendell seconded the motion. Angel Albanese, CFO explained why we are selling bonds in order to take advantage of a lower interest rate. Councilman Wendell asked if we were going out further than the original sale. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Stanley - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the resolution was declared adopted.

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- B. 17020 Resolution Determining The Form And Other Details Of \$20,735,000 General Obligation Bonds, Consisting Of \$9,275,000 General Improvement Bonds, \$1,785,000 Water Utility Bonds, \$8,000,000 Parking Utility Bonds And \$1,675,000 Pool Utility Bonds, Of The Township Of East Brunswick, In The County Of Middlesex, New Jersey, And Providing For Their Sale.

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Angel Albanese, CFO explained the purpose of the resolution. Councilman Wendell indicated he was happy that we are only going out ten years for general and pool bonds. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Stanley - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the resolution was declared adopted.

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- C. 17021 Resolution Providing For The Combination Of Certain Issues Of General Improvement Bonds Of The Township Of East Brunswick, In The County Of Middlesex, New Jersey, Into A Single Issue Of Bonds Aggregating \$9,275,000 In Principal Amount.

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion. Angel Albanese, CFO explained that we were combining smaller BANs into one bond. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Stanley - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the resolution was declared adopted.

11. For Good of the Cause:

Councilman Wendell – congratulated the Mayor on the win by the New Orleans Saints.

Council President Sullivan indicated 1/9 was Law Enforcement Day and 1/18 is Martin Luther King Day.

12. Adjournment: 8:15 P.M.

Councilman Wendell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Stanley - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.


SHARON SULLIVAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


NENNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK