

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL AGENDA\ACTION MEETING
January 25, 2021**

1 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

7:30 P.M.

**All agendas\attachments are available on the Website: www.EastBrunswick.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

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:

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance:

- 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 second and final reading, that it be submitted to the Mayor for his approval and thereafter published according to law. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion. Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public for discussion. There being no discussion, the public portion was closed. Councilman Spadafino indicated that in the first "*Be It Further Ordained*" there are duplicate words "*that any*" which one set should be removed. There being no further discussion from the Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

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

Mayor Cohen along with EBTV spoke about vaccines and that East Brunswick is hosting a distribution site. He stressed the Township has no control over the vaccines they are handled by the State and County. He also indicated he is starting a campaign for unity called "Count to Ten".

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator – no report.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney – no report.

Nennette Perry, Township Clerk – no report.

Council President Sullivan reminded seniors that they can call 855-568-0545 from 8 to 8 to schedule for the vaccine.

7. Public Portion:

Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public.

Mark Virgilio, Fish & Wildlife spoke about resolution 17024 and gave background to why the resolution is being requested.

There being no further 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 Spadafino asked that Item D be separated from the agenda. Council President Sullivan read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

- A. 17022 Honoring Detective Glen Furian

RESOLUTION HONORING DETECTIVE GLEN FURIAN

WHEREAS, Detective Glen Furian began his 25-year career with the Township of East Brunswick on January 2, 1996 as a Patrolman in the Department of Public Safety where he was a member of the East Brunswick SWAT Team; and

WHEREAS, Detective Glen Furian served as a Patrolman in the Operations Division – Patrol Section and as a Detective in the Investigative Division and

WHEREAS, Detective Glen Furian has demonstrated throughout his career strong devotion to the qualities of professional policing, dedication to the community he served with, and by his loyalty to the East Brunswick Police Department, he has provided a fine example for junior officers to emulate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council, Township of East Brunswick, County of Middlesex, on behalf of a grateful community, do hereby thank Detective Glen Furian for his dedication and service to the Township and its residents and extend to him our best wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to include this resolution and spread its contents upon the minutes of the Township of East Brunswick Council meeting for the purposes of posterity on the 25th day of January, 2021, so that the public service of Detective Glen Furian may be forever recorded in the history of the Township of East Brunswick.

- B. 17023 Authorizing Final Approval of the Purchase of the Development Easement in Regard Block 316.01, Lot 22.06 in the Township of East Brunswick
- C. 17024 Authorizing the Township of East Brunswick to Enter Into an Agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Preserve 20 Acres of the Federally Threatened Swamp Pink Located in the Beaverdam Brook Area of East Brunswick
- E. 17026 Awarding a 2nd One Year Contract Extension for the 2021 Spring Tree Planting Services for the Township of East Brunswick with Brothers Exterior T/A Brothers Landscaping
- F. 17027 Awarding Contracts for Various Legal and Professional Services Pursuant to “Fair and Open Process,” N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 (*Public Defender*)
- G. Approval of Council Agenda\Action Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2021
- H. Approval of Bill List (approval of bills owed by Township to various individuals, companies and accounts).

Resolution Re: Approval of Bill List

WHEREAS, the Township Council for the Township of East Brunswick has approved Ordinance 74-1-BB amending the municipal ordinances accordingly requiring the Township Council's approval before any disbursements are made. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council for the Township of East Brunswick that the following bills have been duly audited and found correct by the Director of Finance and she is ordered to pay the amounts as hereinafter stated.

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the Consent Agenda Items A to C and E to H. 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 was declared adopted.

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- D. 17025 Approving Services Agreement with Educational Services Commission and the Township of East Brunswick for Government Aggregator

Councilman Spadafino moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman McEvoy seconded the motion.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney explained the need for the resolution and answered questions asked by Council.

Councilman Spadafino asked if this contract similar to that used by other towns.

Councilman Wendell asked who pays the Aggregator fees? He was told the energy company/market.

Council President Sullivan asked what happens to the customers of JCP&L since they were not included in the Initiative. She was told that would be up to Council.

Mayor Cohen asked if the Educational Services Commission act as a middleman and are they experienced. Also, how long of a contract? He was told we will go out for 1 year to test the market and then longer if the market is good.

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: February 8, 2021

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance by title only:

- A. Ord. 21-02 Amending Ordinances Fixing Grades, Classifications in Grades and Compensation of Employees of the Township of East Brunswick Covering the Professional Managers Association (PMA) Ord. 20-19, United Service Workers Union Local 255 (IUJAT) Ord. 20-19 and Executive Staff

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 February 8, 2021 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. 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 ordinance was adopted on first reading.

Council President Sullivan read the following ordinance by title only:

- B. Ord. 21-03 Amending Ordinances 19-31 and 19-40 Fixing Compensation for Temporary Part Time and Seasonal Employees

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 February 8, 2021 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman McEvoy 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 ordinance was adopted on first reading.

10. New Business:

Council President Sullivan read the following resolution.

- A. 17028 2020 Budget Appropriation Reserves Transfers (*N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 - Vote 2/3rds Full Membership*)

Councilman McEvoy moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Wendell 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 resolution was declared adopted.

11. For Good of the Cause:

Mayor Cohen congratulated Councilman Stanley on his appointment to Assemblyman 18th District.

12. Adjournment: 8:15 P.M.

Councilman Spadafino moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Wendell 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:


ANNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK