

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2023**

Township of East Brunswick
1 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816



Regular Meeting: X
Special Meeting: N/A
Meeting Time: 7:30 P.M.

Council President McEvoy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Governing Body and its audience proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence.

The Township Clerk, Tamar Lawful, called the roll:

Present: Councilman Behal
Councilman Wendell
Councilwoman Winston
Councilwoman Zimbicki
Council President McEvoy

Also Present: Mayor Brad Cohen
Michael Baker, Township Attorney
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator
Tamar Lawful, Township Clerk
Loren Morace, Deputy Clerk

The Township Clerk, Tamar Lawful, read the Statement of Adequate Notice:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required under Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, by specifying the 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 filing a copy in the office of the Township Clerk which will be entered into the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution # 23-103 Resolution Adopting Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2023

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of Resolution #23-103 seconded by Councilman Behal. With no recommended changes to the Minutes, Council President McEvoy requested a roll call vote:

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal		X	X			
Wendell	X		X			
Winston			X			
Zimbicki			X			
McEvoy			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the resolution adopting the meeting Minutes was approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

There are none.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEM

There are none.

AGENDA SESSION (Discussion Only – No Votes)

There are none.

ORDINANCE(S)
SECOND READING
*** PUBLIC HEARING ***

There are none.

REPORTS

Brad Cohen, Mayor: Mayor Cohen announced that roadwork will be starting next week and that letters were sent out to the residents that will be having work done on their streets. The County will be repaving about 10 roads in town.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator: Spoke about the change orders for the ice arena and acknowledged the Honorary Resolution for Sandy Potkulski. Reminded everyone of the Daisy Breakfast taking place Sunday, March 19, 2023 at the Hilton

Michael Baker, Township Attorney: Mr. Baker had nothing new to report.

Tamar Lawful, Township Clerk: Township Clerk had nothing new to report.

Dinesh Behal, Councilman: Councilman Behal had nothing new to report.

James Wendell, Councilman: Spoke about Resolution # 23-111

Dana Winston, Councilwoman: Councilwoman Winston had nothing new to report.

Dana Zimbicki, Councilwoman: Spoke about the basketball courts at Bicentennial Park that are being worked on. Crystal Springs is in need of lifeguards. The steps at Welsh Park are being looked at to be replaced, lighting upgrades at the Township parks are underway and Dallenbach Lake will be restocked. The Daisy Association is having a Tricky Tray at St. Barts on April 14th, it is sold out but baskets will be accepted. There is a Golf Outing on May 18th. There is a photography contest that goes until March 31st. The Color Run is taking place April 15th from 10am – 11am at the Community Arts Center with a rain date of April 16th. The 2nd Annual Fly a Kite is taking place April 16th from 11am – 3pm. May 11th at the Community Arts Center there is a World War II love story that is taking place. Dept on Aging is hosting a St. Patrick’s Day Party. You can nominate a friend online with EB Parks and Recreation until May 5th. BlackHawks is hosting an event May 21st from 12:30pm - 3:30pm via www.usalacrosse.com and everyone that attends gets a free lacrosse stick. The 14th annual My Buddy My Pal went off without a hitch.

Kevin McEvoy, Council President: Council President McEvoy has nothing new to report.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Township Clerk read the following statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

The public comment portion of our meeting is to allow the public to bring to the Council’s attention their concerns or comments. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(a) and the East Brunswick Rules of Council, the Council asks the public to limit their comments to **five (5) minutes or less**. At the conclusion of the statements or questions from a member of the public, the Council President, at his or her discretion, may choose to respond, not respond, or ask the Administration to respond.

Council President McEvoy opened the meeting to the public.

Kathryn Nguyen – 5 Old Tennent Court

Thanked the Mayor for his long-term care of the township. Concerned about the flyers that are left in people’s driveways. She asked if there could be an opt out to end the service.

Leanne Seeley – Ms. Seeley from L.E.A.D. Law Enforcement Against Drugs spoke about the Festival that will be taking place in May.

Mary Pan – 223 Milltown Road

Spoke about the library closure.

Tom Ingrisani – 58 Deerfield Road

Spoke about the library and asked if Governor Murphy was giving aid to the schools. Mr. Ingrisani also brought up traffic at Central School and inquired as to whether the work that was going to be done on the new ice rink would be completed by union contractors.

RESOLUTION(S) [Requiring a separate vote]

Honorary Resolution:

Resolution # 23-104 Resolution Honoring and Accepting the Retirement of Sandy Potkulski as Deputy Assessor for the Township of East Brunswick

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of Resolution # 23-104, seconded by Councilman Behal.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal		X	X			
Wendell	X		X			
Winston			X			
Zimbicki			X			
McEvoy			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Resolution # 23-104 was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution # 23-105 through Resolution # 23-111

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial items by the Township Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed and voted on following the approval of the remaining items listed on the Consent Agenda.

- Resolution # 23-105 Resolution Appointing Rick Burghli to the Water Policy Advisory Committee
- Resolution # 23-106 Resolution Authorizing Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence (L.E.A.D.) to Hold a Carnival at the East Brunswick Square Mall from May 12, 2023, through May 29, 2023
- Resolution # 23-107 Resolution Authorizing Refunds to be Issued Related to Tax Title Lien Redemptions
- Resolution # 23-108 Resolution Authorizing Change Order Number One from \$475,000.00 to \$622,000.00. Architectural Design Services – East Brunswick Ice Rink
- Resolution # 23-109 Resolution of the Township of East Brunswick Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund Tax/Utility Overpayments
- Resolution # 23-110 Resolution to Approve the Bill List
- Resolution # 23-111 Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Township of East Brunswick Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation as to Whether Property Located at Corner of Ryders Lane and Cranbury Road and Identified as Block 87, Lot 10.07 Qualifies as a Non-Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment in Accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A ET, SEQ.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda, Resolution # 23-105 through Resolution # 23-111. Councilwoman Winston seconded the motion. Note: Councilwoman Zimbicki abstained from Resolution #23-111.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal			X			
Wendell	X		X			
Winston		X	X			
Zimbicki			X			
McEvoy			X			

By a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda were approved.

RESOLUTION[S] REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE

There are none.

**ORDINANCE(S)
FOR INTRODUCTION**

Scheduled Public Hearing Date: March 27, 2023

ORDINANCE # 23-09

Township Clerk Lawful read the following ordinance by title:

Township of East Brunswick
Township Council
Meeting Agenda
March 13, 2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 228 OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK

Mr. Criscuolo explained the purpose of the ordinance.

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the ordinance on first reading, and that it be published according to the law, and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on March 27, 2023, at the Municipal Building/Court Room located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilman Behal seconded the motion.

Council President McEvoy requested a roll call vote on the introduction of the ordinance.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal		X	X			
Wendell	X		X			
Winston			X			
Zimbicki			X			
McEvoy			X			

ORDINANCE # 23-10

Township Clerk Lawful read the following ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” ARTICLE XIII “SCHEDULES”, SECTION 209-62 SCHEDULE XXIII “SPEED LIMITS” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MPH ON MAIN STREET BETWEEN THE SOUTHERLY TOWNSHIP BORDER AND TAFT PLACE

Mr. Criscuolo explained the purpose of the ordinance.

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the ordinance on first reading, and that it be published according to the law, and a public hearing on the ordinance be held on March 27, 2023, at the Municipal Building/Court Room located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilwoman Zimbicki seconded the motion.

Council President McEvoy requested a roll call vote on the introduction of the ordinance.

RECORDED VOTE OF COUNCIL						
Council Member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Behal			X			
Wendell	X		X			
Winston			X			
Zimbicki		X	X			
McEvoy			X			

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

There are none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

There are none.

FOR GOOD OF THE CAUSE

Dana Winston, Councilwoman: Spoke about the upcoming East Brunswick Masquerade Ball May 20, 2023 taking place at the Community Arts Center.

Brad J. Cohen, Mayor: Spoke about the Arts Coalition as the main source of fund raising for the expansion at the Community Arts Center.

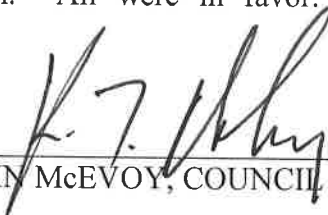
Kevin McEvoy, Council President: EBHS is having a performance of the Wizard of Oz. The 3rd Ramadan Annual Lighting will be taking place March 20th at the Municipal Pond at 7:30pm. The VFW will be having a 5K run July 23rd, you can pick up applications at the VFW. July 17th we will be back at the Majestic Lanes for Bowling for Hunger.

CLOSED SESSION

There are none.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business to conduct, Councilman Wendell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



KEVIN McEVOY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



LOREN MORACE, DEPUTY CLERK