

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 10, 2023**

**Township of East Brunswick**  
1 Jean Walling Civic Center Dr.  
East Brunswick, New Jersey



**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  
Councilwoman Winston  
Councilwoman Zimbicki  
Council President McEvoy

**Absent:** Councilman Wendell

**Also Present:** Mayor Brad Cohen  
Michael Baker, Township Attorney  
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator  
Tamar Lawful, Township 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.

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<b>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES</b>
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Resolution # 23-122 Resolution Adopting Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2023

Councilman Behal moved the adoption of Resolution #23-122 seconded by Councilwoman Winston. With no recommended changes to the Minutes, Council President McEvoy requested a roll call vote:

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

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

<b>PROCLAMATIONS</b>
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There were none.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEM

There were none.

AGENDA SESSION (DISCUSSION ONLY- NO VOTE)

There were none.

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

There were none.

REPORTS

**Brad Cohen, Mayor:** Mayor Cohen reported on construction and road improvement projects throughout the Township. Construction to repair the water main lines on Route 18 has begun and will continue for the next four (4) years on a 4-mile road stretch. Construction will be done primarily at night and on the weekends. PSE&G continues to work on Dunhams Corner Road. Middlesex County is paving county roads within East Brunswick. There are several local road improvement projects underway. The public was asked to be patient with the various construction and road improvement projects.

The township's contract for solid waste and recycling will expire by year's end. The township will bid on a new five-year contract.

Recently, a discussion was held at the Chamber of Commerce on the direction and vision of the township with respect to redevelopment. To continue to keep residents informed and educated on events and changes throughout the township, town hall meetings or Facebook Live meetings will be held in the coming months.

**Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator:** Mr. Criscuolo informed the public that the library parking lot will be closed for milling and paving, beginning April 12, 2023.

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

**Tamar Lawful, Township Clerk:** Ms. Lawful reported on recent legislative changes with respect to elections. The 2023 Primary Election will be held on June 6, 2023. The commencement of mailing mail-in-ballots will be around April 22, 2023. Pursuant to P.L. 2022, c.69, and N.J.S.A. 19:23-45, if you are an unaffiliated voter and you are registered to receive a mail-in-ballot, you must declare your party affiliation to receive a mail-in ballot for the upcoming Primary Election. A registered voter must declare their party affiliation by April 12, 2023. For those who choose not to declare their party affiliation by April 12, 2023, may vote in person on election day or during early voting. The new legislature affects only the Primary Election.

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

**James Wendell, Councilman:** Councilman Wendell was absent.

**Dana Winston, Councilwoman:** Councilwoman Winston reported that the Water Policy Committee is seeking a student representative. She encouraged students from grades 10-11 with the interest in science to apply.

**Dana Zimbicki, Councilwoman:** Councilwoman Zimbicki had nothing new to report.

**Kevin McEvoy, Council President:** Council President McEvoy had nothing new to report.

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, or not respond, or to ask the Administration to respond.

Council President McEvoy opened the meeting to the public.

**Michael Snow – 25 Louise Drive**

Mr. Snow commented on the frequent flooding of his street. He stated that his property was flooded twice in the last four (4) years, and there were three (3) water main breaks in the last three weeks. He requested the Council to look into the infrastructure underground.

Councilwoman Winston responded that the Water Policy Committee is aware of the issue and is actively looking into remediation options. Mr. Criscuolo added that the township may address the issue using a similar remedy as Whitehall Road, which entails conducting a capital water main replacement project.

**Drew Weingarth – 2705 Commons Drive**

Mr. Weingarth requested the township council pull Resolution # 23-123 from the Consent Agenda. This resolution authorizes Starfire Corp. to conduct a private fireworks event on April 28, 2023. He stated that he is not asking the council to not approve the resolution. However, he expressed concerns that the company handling the fireworks uses solute shells, which produce a loud sound effect. He referenced two private fireworks events in April and September 2022. He further referenced a soundproof demo in August 2022. He encouraged the Council to continue to notify the public via CivicReady of these events. He further commented that the paving on Cranbury Road looks great.

**Thomas Ingrisani – 58 Deerfield Drive**

Mr. Ingrisani discussed a few issues concerning the use of the street shoulder at Central School for picking up and dropping off children, the use of electric school buses and their safety, and who will benefit from the COVID school aid relief in the amount of \$103 million.

**END OF PUBLIC SESSION**

There being no further members of the public wishing to be heard, Council President McEvoy closed the Public Session of the meeting.

Ms. Lawful informed the public that the firework application by Starfire Corp. was processed in the Clerk’s Office and was thoroughly reviewed to ensure its full compliance with the Township’s Code.

Council President McEvoy stated that he will propose an ordinance to the Council to only permit drone light shows and laser light shows in the future.

RESOLUTION(S) [Requiring a separate vote]

There were none.

\*\*\*CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\*

Resolution # 23-123 through Resolution # 23-132

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial items by the Township Council and will be enacted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so request, 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 # 23-123 Resolution Authorizing Starfire Corporation to Hold Fireworks Display for a Private Event at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds on April 28, 2023

Resolution # 23-124 Resolution of the Township of East Brunswick Rejecting All Bids Submitted for the Supply and Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite for Crystal Springs Family Waterpark

Resolution # 23-125 Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract in Accordance with the Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40:L11-1, Through Cooperative Purchasing of the Division of Purchase and Property, in the State of New Jersey for Six (6) Fully Equipped Police Vehicles in the Amount Not to Exceed \$463,350.00

Resolution # 23-126 Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract in Accordance with the Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40:L11-1, Through Cooperative Purchasing of the Division of Purchase and Property, in the State of New Jersey for One (1) Fully Equipped Police Vehicle in the Amount Not to Exceed \$53,775.00

Resolution # 23-127 Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement Between the Township of East Brunswick and the East Brunswick Board of Education for Township Use of School Facilities and Buses and Providing Capital Funding by the Township for Board of Education Approved Projects

Resolution # 23-128 Resolution of the Township of East Brunswick Authorizing the Tax Collector to Refund Tax/Utility Overpayments

Resolution # 23-129 Resolution Authorizing Refunds to be Issued Related to Tax Title Lien Redemptions

Resolution # 23-130 Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement for Animal Control Services with the City of New Brunswick

Resolution # 23-131 Resolution Awarding a Contract to CentralSquare Technologies, LLC, for False Alarm Billing and Tracking Services for the Township of East Brunswick

Resolution # 23-132 Resolution to Approve the Bill List

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Councilwoman Zimbicki moved the adoption of the resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda, Resolution # 23-123 through Resolution # 23-132. Councilwoman Winston seconded the motion.

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

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

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

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There were none.

**ORDINANCE(S)  
FOR INTRODUCTION**  
Scheduled Public Hearing Date: N/A

There were none.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

There were none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE

**Dana Zimbicki, Councilwoman:** Councilwoman Zimbicki spoke of the successful annual Easter Egg Hunt held at the Community Arts Center on April 11, 2023. The event was organized, and children were appropriately divided by age. She acknowledged the Police Department, PBA 145, for hosting the event and the VFW for providing burgers and hot dogs for the public.

The Color Run event will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, followed by the 2nd Annual Fly a Kite Day.

**Kevin McEvoy, Council President:** Council President McEvoy informed the public of the memorial to be held for Barbara Ann Ambrosy, mother of the township's former Director of EBT, David Ambrosy, who passed away on Sunday, April 2, 2023, at the age of 86. Barbara Ambrosy dedicated 37 years working as a passport agent for the library before her retirement. Her memorial will be held at the Selover Funeral Home, located at 555 Georges Road, North Brunswick, on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

There are none.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business to conduct, Councilwoman Winston moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Behal seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

  
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KEVIN MCEVOY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
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TAMAR LAWFUL, MUNICIPAL CLERK

