

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL AGENDA\ACTION MEETING  
August 10, 2020**

1 Jean Walling Civic Center  
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

7:30 P.M.

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*\*All agendas\attachments are available on the Website: [www.East Brunswick.org](http://www.East Brunswick.org) at section Government.*

1. Nennette Perry, Township Clerk called the meeting to order and called the roll:

Present: Councilman McEvoy, Councilman Spadafino  
Councilwoman Sullivan, Councilman Wendell

Absent: Council President Stanley

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 statement:

At our last 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:

The Township Clerk opened the meeting to the public to comment on the following ordinance.

- A. Ord. 20-17 To Amend the Revised General Ordinances of East Brunswick Township, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, to Add Chapter 26, Authorizing the Establishment of a Community Energy Aggregation Program that Creates an Option for 100% Regionally Sourced Renewables (*Initiation Petition*)

Linda Tanaka, 19 Hamilton Drive – supports Ord. 20-17 which will be good for the Township.

Steve Weinberg, 22 Sycamore Street – In favor of the aggregation program and in favor of Ordinance 20-17.

Hannah Finkelshteyn, 32 Putnam Road, supports the aggregation program. Wants a safer future.

Charlie Kratovil – Food& Water Watch – thanked the Mayor for their support and the residents for supporting Ord. 20-17. State Law mandates that the option is an opt out and not an opt in.

Bryan Kulas – 130 Longfield Court – Public Service is not favorable to people. In support of ordinance for the savings.

Wesam Berjaoui, 444 Old Stage Road started to speak but it was not on this ordinance so he was asked to wait until the public portion.

The public hearing was closed by a motion from Councilman Wendell and seconded by Councilman McEvoy. All were in favor.

Councilman Spadafino moved that the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading. There was no second to the motion so the ordinance failed.

Council Vice President Sullivan indicated she is in favor of the clean environment program but wanted the residents to have the right to vote on it because of the opt-out provision.

Councilman Wendell supports the program but it should go on the ballot for the voters.

Councilman McEvoy indicated the ordinance has merit and choice but such a significant change should be decided by the residents.

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

Mayor Cohen indicated most if not all residents should have power after storm. Call the Department of Public Works for branch pickup.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator thanked the Township employees and all outside vendors who worked to clean up after the storm. They did an excellent job. Also the residents should be thanked for their thoughtfulness to those contractors who came from far away.

Michael Baker, Township Attorney – no report.

Nennette Perry, Township Clerk – no report.

7. Public Portion:

The Township Clerk opened the meeting to the public. She reminded everyone 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.

Wesam Berjaoui, 444 Old Stage Road wants the ordinance changed to allow for cross bow hunting. Maybe East Brunswick can adopt the State's hunting rules which allows cross bows.

There being no additional public wishing to speak the public portion was closed.

8. Consent Agenda: (Resolutions)

The Township Clerk asked if anyone wished to have any items separated from the Consent Agenda. Councilman McEvoy asked that Item G be separated from the agenda. The Administrator also pulled Item F. The Township Clerk read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

- A. 16869 Granting Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses in the Township of East Brunswick for the Year 2020-2021
- B. 16870 Authorizing an Emergency Contract with Lucas Brothers Inc. as Per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 (*Old Bridge Tpk Waterline – Pavement Repair*)
- C. 16871 Establishing a Lien on Properties in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code
- D. 16872 To Cancel \$6,000 of Sustainable Jersey Grant Revenue and Grant Appropriation Balance Approved in Resolution 16826
- E. 16873 Establishing a Sidewalk Repair Lien on Properties in Accordance with Property Maintenance Code
- H. Approval of Amended Raffle License RL2473A – BPOE #2370 East Brunswick - November 13, 2021.
- I. Approval of Council Agenda\Action Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2020.
- J. 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.

Council Vice President Sullivan moved the adoption of the Consent Agenda Items A to E and H to J. Councilman Wendell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes, Stanley - absent and the Consent Agenda Items A to E and H to J were declared adopted.

The following item was pulled without vote:

- F. 16874 Authorizing an Agreement between DMR Associates and the Township of East Brunswick for Architecture Design of Proposed Recreational Venue at 110 Tices Lane (\$98,000)

The Township Clerk read the following resolution.

- G. 16875 Authorizing Professional Engineering Services from CME Associates for Environmental Engineering Services for the East Brunswick Township Ice Hockey Venue Located at 110 Tices Lane (\$7,500.00)

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy stated that he is not in favor of spending additional monies at this time. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - no, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes, Stanley - absent and the resolution was declared adopted.

- 9. Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing Date: August 24, 2020

None

- 10. New Business:

None

- 11. For Good of the Cause:

- 12. Adjournment: 8:10 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, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes, Stanley - absent and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

  
SHARON SULLIVAN, COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
DENNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK