

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP  
COUNCIL AGENDA ACTION MEETING  
October 26, 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.EastBrunswick.org](http://www.EastBrunswick.org) at section Government.*

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

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

Also Present: Mayor Brad Cohen, Michael Baker, Township Attorney  
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator; Nennette Perry, Township Clerk,  
Angel Albanese, CFO and Carol Bellisano, Deputy 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:

The proclamation was read into the record:

A. Proclamation – Women’s Club Membership Week (*November 2 – 16, 2020*)

**New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs Membership Week**

**November 15-21, 2020**

*WHEREAS*, the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs was organized on November 16, 1894 and has continued to exist as one of the largest and oldest non-denominational service organizations of volunteer women in the State of New Jersey; and

*WHEREAS*, members of the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs throughout the 126 year history have worked in their communities to assist in activities such as founding the New Jersey College for Women, now Douglass College, preserving the Palisades, and supporting the establishment of community public libraries, and have provided grants and funding for Special Olympics, UNICEF, Operation Smile, Autism New Jersey, CASA of NJ-Court Appointed Special Advocated for Children and for the years 2020-2022 as a special state project, OPERATION CHILLOUT, which is New Jersey’s oldest all-volunteer mobile outreach for homeless veterans; and

*WHEREAS*, the Women’s Club of East Brunswick, a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, is celebrating 67 years of community service during its 2020-2021 club year to this community through support and donations for Arbor Day, Camp Daisy, the East Brunswick Public Library, scholarships at local high schools, the East Brunswick Museum, local VFW, New Jersey Army National Guard, local families in need through program sponsored by East Brunswick Recreation, Ronald McDonald House, local domestic violence and homeless shelters, veterans and active servicemen in addition to other local, state and national charities;

*WHEREAS*, the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs provides programming to enable women in the communities to have excellent resource materials to accomplish goals through volunteer service;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED* that I, Brad Cohen, Mayor of the Township of East Brunswick, do hereby proclaim the week of November 15-21, 2020 as New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs Membership Week in recognition of the many hours of service to this community and others, and encourage all residents to support the Women’s Club of East Brunswick; and

*BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED* that Civic Center Drive shall be renamed “**East Brunswick Woman’s Club**” for the week of November 2-16, 2020.

Councilwoman Sullivan complimented the hard word of the women’s club.

Camille Clark indicated it was an excellent organization.

Mayor Cohen spoke about the Women’s Right to Vote.

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

None

5. Public Hearing:

The Township Clerk read the following ordinance:

- A. Ord. 20-21 Amending Chapter 209, Vehicles and Traffic –Section 17.1 Parking of Trucks and Buses and Section 62, Schedule XXII: Speed Limits of the Code of the Township of East Brunswick

Councilwoman Sullivan 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 Wendell seconded the motion. The Township Clerk opened the meeting to the public for discussion. There being no discussion, the public portion was closed. There being no discussion from the Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

The Township Clerk read the following ordinance:

- B. Ord. 20-22 Refunding Bond Ordinance 20-22 of the Township of East Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Providing for the Refunding of all or a Portion of Certain General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013 of the Township, Appropriating \$24,200,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance by the Township of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 (Federally Taxable) in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$24,200,000 for Financing the Cost Thereof.

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. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. The Township Clerk opened the meeting to the public for discussion.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator updated Council at the request of the Council President about the purpose of the ordinance. He indicated there could be an \$800,000 savings by 2033. The bonds being refinanced deal with General obligations and parking obligations.

Camille Clark, 38 Harrison asked what is being financed?

Angel Albanese, CFO indicated interest rates were down and it is a good time for a refinancing. There being no further discussion, the public portion was closed.

Council President Stanley thanked the CFO, Mayor and Administrator for their due diligence on saving money for the township.

There being no further discussion from the Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes, Stanley - 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 provided an election update. He also thanked the CFO for being on top of the township finances.

Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator – thanked the Recreation department for their events and thanked the Youth Group for volunteering.

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Michael Baker, Township Attorney – Was in court and the case against the town and Planning Board was dismissed - Zakon Realty vs. EB Planning, EB Twp and Redevelopment Agency.

Nennette Perry, Township Clerk – provided an election update.

Councilman Wendell congratulated the St. Bart's Buffalo on their cheer expo. He also provided an update on the Redevelopment Agency.

7. Public Portion:

The Township Clerk opened the meeting to the public.

Justin Bodnar, 53 Victory Place – asked questions about 39 Edgeboro Road. Mr. Baker answered his questions.

Camille Clark, 38 Harrison Avenue – was not happy with the building remaining shutdown nor not having the meetings done electronically.

Wesam Berjaoui, 444 Old Stage Road – asked about crossbow for hunting and has the Council changed their mind about allowing. Councilman Wendell asked Mr. Baker and the Administrator to look into allowing as the County does.

There being no further discussion, 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 C be separated from the agenda. Item F was removed for further investigation by the police due to the nature of the event. The Township Clerk read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

- A. 16916 Establishing a Lien on Properties in Accordance with the Property Maintenance Code
- B. 16917 Providing for the Cancellation of Certain Charges Which the Collector of Revenue Deems Uncollectible
- D. 16919 Concurring with the Best Practices Questionnaire Response for Calendar Year 2020
- E. 16920 Awarding Contract to Pro Architectural, LLC for the East Brunswick Township Senior Center and Municipal Building Window Replacement Contract #2020-11
- G. Approval of Council Agenda\Action Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2020
- 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, B, D, E, G and H. Council President Stanley seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes, Stanley - yes and the Consent Agenda Items A, B, D, E, G and H were declared adopted.

The Township Clerk read the following resolution.

C. 16918 Designating Custodians for Open Public Records Act (OPRA)

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy asked for the purpose of this resolution. The Township Attorney explained why this is necessary. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

The following item was pulled from the agenda – it was indicated additional information was needed due to the nature of the event.

F. 16921 Authorizing Winter Wonder Lights, LLC to Hold a Christmas Lights Display

9. New Business:

The Township Clerk read the following resolution.

A. 16922 Authorizing Starfire Corporation to Hold a Fireworks Display for a Private Event at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds (October 30, 2020)

Councilman Spadafino moved the adoption of the resolution. Council President Stanley seconded the motion. Councilman Wendell indicated the venue will limit the number of fireworks in the future. Councilwoman Sullivan was concerned about those who may suffer from sensory overload. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

The Township Clerk read the following resolution.

B. 16923 Of the Township of East Brunswick Determining that the Properties Identified as Block 834, Lots 4.17, 4.19 and 4.23 be Designated as a Non- Condemnation Redevelopment Area in Accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (39 Edgeboro Road)

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Councilman Wendell thanked Council for supporting this resolution. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

The Township Clerk read the following resolution.

- C. 16924 RE: Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 2020

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Council President Stanley seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

10. Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing Date: November 9, 2020

The Township Clerk read the following ordinance by title only:

- A. Ord. 20-23 Of the Township of East Brunswick Amending 39 Edgeboro Road  
Redevelopment Plan to Include Block 834, Lots 4.17, 4.19 and 4.23

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 November 9, 2020 at the Municipal Building located at 1 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive in the Township of East Brunswick. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

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

11. For Good of the Cause:

Nennette Perry, Township Clerk reminded residents to vote.

12. Adjournment:

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

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes, Stanley - yes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.



STERLEY STANLEY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
NENNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK