

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER 16, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Oscovitch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6.

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Raffay, here; Councilman Gray, absent; Councilman Olson, here; Councilwoman Kash, here; Mayor Oscovitch, here. Township Manager Joe Sabatini, Attorney Tom Collins and Municipal Clerk Doris Flynn were also present.

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay, to go into executive session and adopt the below resolution.

	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Gray	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Kash	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion			x		
2nd	x				
Yes	x		x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent		x			

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Byram, that the public shall be excluded from discussion of the following matters:

- a. Attorney Client Privileged Communication
 - General
 - PEG Bandwidth
 - LLIC Dredging
 - Cranberry Lake Fire Lanes
- b. Contract Negotiations
 - PBA

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minutes will be kept on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes shall be made public.

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Certification: I certify that the Byram Township Council adopted the above resolution on November 16, 2015.

Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay to return to open session at 7:30 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion Carried.

CALL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash, to approve the agenda. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTIPATION I –Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay to open to the public. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Barbara McLoughlin, 42 River Road, congratulated the council members who were reelected.

Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay to close to the public. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

Township Manager

- Senator Oroho’s office is working on setting up a meeting with NJDOT at our request regarding the Route 206 improvements.
- Joe Sabatini received a phone call from the manager at Panther Lake. He was pleased with the work at Tamarack Park so far, and expressed some minor concerns regarding possible temporary lighting. He would like to be kept informed and asked for consideration because of the camp sites. The park would be open to the public, which would allow the campground visitors to use the park.
- Joe and Adolf met with Alice Bresett of the Board of Education regarding shared services. The discussion focused on the fields, specifically for field hockey. Joe directed them to work with Janet Meisner and the Sports Council.
- The Township participated in the Sussex County Gypsy Moth survey – they are not recommending any spraying in our area next year.
- The next leaf pick week is the week of December 14. Leaves must be in biodegradable bags.

Councilwoman Kash – November 9th recreation committee meeting – tree lighting (holiday celebration) is December 6th. November 13 was Byram Day post meeting.

Councilwoman Raffay – Expressed thanks to Rich Bowe for putting together a wonderful Veteran’s Day ceremony.

Councilman Olson

- Letter from Byram Historical Society asking that the Council support placing a historic marker at the CVS property.
- Scott is happy to be serving the town for four more years. He was a bit disappointed in the polling numbers.
- National Geographic having a special website on the Delaware Water Gap. The magazine is highlighting Sussex/Warren County and parts of New York State. Scott will put together something for Byram.
- Veteran’s Day ceremony on November 11—always a special event and very meaningful. Scott Olson said that next year is the 25th anniversary of the monument – do something special.

Mayor James Oscovitch – Attended the Veteran’s ceremony. Four 8th graders came and read a poem and lead the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 2, 2015 - Regular Meeting Minutes –Motion by Councilman Olson second by Councilwoman Kash as amended to adopt the minutes as presented.

	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Gray	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Kash	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion			x		
2nd				x	
Yes	x		x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent		x			

- November 2, 2015 - Executive Meeting Minutes –Motion by Councilman Olson second by Councilwoman Raffay to adopt the minutes as presented.

	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Gray	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Kash	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion			x		
2nd	x				
Yes	x		x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent		X			

CONSENT AGENDA: These items are considered to be routine by the Members of the Township Council and will be enacted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a citizen or Council member so requests in which event the item may be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash, to approve the consent agenda.

- Resolution No. 172-2015 – Resolution for Cancellation of Unexpended Balances of Improvement Authorizations
- Resolution No. 173-2015 – Authorize Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder
- Resolution No. 174-2015 – Cancellation of Grant Receivable and Reserve
- Resolution No. 175-2015 – Resolution to Transfer 2015 Budget Appropriations Current Fund
- Resolution No. 176-2015 – Resolution to Set Fixed Asset Inventory Threshold
- Resolution No. 177-2015 – Resolution for Cancellation of Capital Fund Reserve

- Resolution No. 178-2015 – Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Assignment of License Agreement Between One Main Street Sparta, L.L.C. and Public Service Electric and Gas Company to the Township of Byram

	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Gray	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Kash	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion			x		
2 nd				x	
Yes	x		X	X	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent		x			

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2015 BILL LIST

Motion by Councilman Olson second by Councilwoman Kash, to approve the bill list as presented.

	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Gray	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Kash	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion			x		
2 nd				X	
Yes	x		X	X	X
No					
Abstain	15382		15398		
Absent		x			

ORDINANCES – 1st Reading/Introduction

Be it Resolved that Ordinance entitled, “**Ordinance of the Township of Byram to Accept the Dedication of Catalina Drive as a Public Street**” be read by title on first reading. Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash to introduce the ordinance.

	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Gray	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Kash	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion			x		
2 nd				x	
Yes	x		x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent		x			

Be it Resolved that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at the meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Byram on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Byram Municipal Building, 10 Mansfield Drive, at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Borough of Hopatcong Resolution regarding restructuring the Department of Health and Environmental Services – The Council received this resolution, a letter from George Graham and an email from Frankford Township. There is conflicting information. Joe Sabatini suggested that we monitor the Freeholder agendas to look for discussion of this.
- Proposed Guide Rail Improvements – Cory Stoner put together an estimate for the replacement of the existing wood beam guide rail with weather steel beam guide rail. The total budget amount would be approximately \$42,000.00. PSE&G settlement funds would be used for this. The general consensus was to move forward on this. Joe Sabatini will work with Cory on the project.
- Municipal Complex Programming Report – Modification of Summary of Spaces – Joe Sabatini and Tom Kosten met with each department to review the Programming Report. The space needed was reduced by approximately 20%. Joe met with Scott and David and review the reduced amount of space required for the municipal building. The total project cost is now approximately \$8 million. If the Council wanted to move forward with the revised scope, Tom Kosten would work on the next phase, which is the master plan. The Council was in favor of moving forward.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II – Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay to open to the public. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Barbara McLoughlin, 42 River Road, asked about the municipal complex report. Joe and Scott summarized what has been done so far.

Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay to close to the public. All members in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay, to go into executive session and adopt the below resolution.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

James Oscovitch, Mayor