

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER 14, 2011

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

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

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Councilman Olson, seconded by Councilwoman Raffay to approve the revised agenda with the addition of discussing a possible grant for animals and communities. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

Manager's Report:

Proposed Budget Discussion – December 19, 2011 – The Manager would like to schedule a budget workshop prior to the regular meeting start.

Byram Township Leaf Pick-Up Dates (Weather Permitting): Weeks of November 14th-18th and December 12th-16th

Halloween Storm Event – Brush, Branch and Tree Limb Disposal:

- In light of the 2011 Halloween Snow Storm the Township is planning a one-time STORM RELATED DAMAGE ONLY beginning November 28th-- brush, branch and tree limb curbside pickup program.
- Township residents are ENCOURAGED to bring brush, branches, and tree limbs (no more than 4" diameter) to the Township Recycling Center.
- The Township will continue to accept brush, branches and tree limbs through December 10.
- The diameter of the brush, branches and tree limbs cannot exceed four (4) inches.
- Also, the Township requests that the piles of branches be in manageable sizes preferably six (6) feet in length by four (4) feet high, and are reachable from the Township's right-of-way.
- The Township will not enter private property to retrieve fallen brush, branches and tree limbs. The Township will sweep all areas of the town once.
- The Township may need to change this program if weather conditions are not favorable and prevent access to the branch piles.

Participated in Project Kickoff Meeting at County for Implementation of Virtual Workstations: Byram will be included. There is an opportunity for consolidation of services and possible cost Savings

Councilman Scott Olson

- Scott thanked Marie for setting up all the refreshments that were served at the Veteran's Day Memorial Service and thanked Jim for his contribution to the rededication of the Veteran's Monument. It was a wonderful ceremony.
- Environmental Commission meets Tuesday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council conference room

Councilwoman Marie Raffay

- Planning Board will meet on November 17th.
- Committee Chair Meeting – scheduled for November 29th at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Jim Oscovitch

1. November 8th – Attended the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce @ The Lafayette House. The breakfast was sponsored by Saint Claires Hospital. One of the initiatives of the council is their focus on tourism in Sussex County and what it means to the tax payers of Sussex County.

2. November 11th – Attended the Andover Byram Chamber of Commerce meeting @ Shop Rite. Some new faces were in attendance, which was nice to see. Also, we discussed the opening of NJ Discount Tire on Rt. 206.
3. Also attended the Veterans Day Ceremony and 20 year re-dedication of the Veterans Monument.
4. November 12 - Attended the Winnakung at Waterloo Village Thanksgiving event.
5. On a more somber note, Andover Boro Councilman Doug Mooney passed away yesterday after an accident while working on a tree with his neighbor. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I - Motion by Councilwoman Raffay, second by Councilman Olson, to open to public. All members were in favor. Motion Carried.

Skip Danielson, 18 Hunter Lane, asked about the Hudson Charity Hike fund raiser and how much money was raised. Marie Raffay stated that she didn't have all the figures in front of her but she thought the sports programs received \$13,000 and Squad received \$11,000. Marie wasn't exactly sure of the amounts for the Byram Schools or the Fire Department.

Councilman Olson made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Raffay, to close to the public. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 1, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes–Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay to approve the minutes as presented. All other members were in favor. Motion carried.
- November 1, 2011 Executive Session Minutes – Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay to approve the minutes. All other members were in favor. Motion carried.

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 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 Councilwoman Raffay, second by Councilman Olson, to approve the consent agenda.

A. Resolution No. 130–2011 – Resolution Authorizing Prime Flex Administrator of the Municipality’s Section 125 – Flexible Spending Accounts in Accordance with the Regulations Promulgated by Chapter 78 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey

B. Resolution No. 131-2011 – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Computer Server from Municipal Software, Inc.- \$3,174.00.

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion		x			
2nd	x				
Yes	x	x			x
No					
Abstain					
Absent			x	x	

BILL LIST OF NOVEMBER 14, 2011 - Motion by Councilman Olson second by Councilwoman Raffay to approve the bills.

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion	x				
2nd		x			
Yes	x	x			x
No					
Abstain					
Absent			x	x	

OTHER BUSINESS

A grant was sent to Marie from Sustainable New Jersey. They are looking for a municipality to be a pilot town.

Scott said that there was an article in the paper regarding West Milford and this grant. Marie found information on the website and it said it could be used for deer management

Resolution No. 132-2011 – Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application for the Sustainable Jersey ‘Animals in the Community’ Pilot Program – Motion by Councilwoman Raffay, second by Councilman Olson to adopt this resolution.

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion		x			
2nd	x				
Yes	x	x			x
No					
Abstain					
Absent			x	x	

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II

Motion by Councilman Olson second by Councilwoman Raffay to open to the public for discussion. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Peg Swentzel, Louis Drive, questioned how the money would be shared if this grant was awarded to Byram. Peg also stated that Waterloo Village Thanksgiving Feast was wonderful.

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

Scott Olson asked if we could start using Facebook and Twitter for some announcements such as the brush.

Joe stated that he had held off on Facebook and Twitter because of some secondary issues. Joe stated that we were trying to do a list serve ourselves. When we put things under News and Noteworthy, they are supposed to be sent to anyone who had signed up to get notices.

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion by Councilwoman Raffay, second by Councilman Olson, to go into executive session at 7:40 p.m. and adopt the below resolution.

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:

- Attorney Client Privilege Information – BARKS
PSE&G
Outside Employment

- Contract Negotiations – NJDOT Jurisdictional Agreement

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 14, 2011.

Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Rafferty	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion		X			
2nd	X				
Yes	X	X			X
No					
Abstain					
Absent			X	X	

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Rafferty to return to open session at 8:29 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

On the motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Rafferty, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Doris Flynn, RMC

James Oscovitch, Mayor