

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING - DECEMBER 16, 2014

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Oscovitch called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, here; Councilman Olson, here; Councilwoman Kash, here; Mayor Oscovitch, here. Township Manager Joe Sabatini, Attorney Tom Molica and Municipal Clerk Doris Flynn were also present.

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion by Councilwoman Kash, second by Councilman Olson, to go into executive session 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:

- a. Attorney Client Privilege Information/Anticipated Litigation
 - General
 - Forest Lakes Drive
- b. Contract Negotiations – Twp. Manager

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 December 16, 2014.

Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

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

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

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash, to approve the agenda with the addition of Res. 190-2014 to the consent agenda , the removal of Res. 185-2014 from the consent agenda, the discussion of the N.J. Conference of Mayors, and setting a date for sign ordinance work session. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

Manager’s Report

- Provided a Route 206 status update
- Announced that the 2015 Reorganization meeting is on January 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Olson

- Attended Sussex County Environmental Services meeting with Joe Sabatini and David Gray. There was a power point presentation which was very informative. There needs to be better communication to get information out to residents.
- Attended Open Space meeting on December 8. There was a unanimous decision to reappoint The Land Conservancy of New Jersey for 2015.

Councilman Gray

- Attended the Sussex County Environmental Services meeting with Joe Sabatini and Scott Olson. It was a very informative meeting, and gave Dave a clearer understanding of what the County Health Department provides Byram Township.
- Attended the Fire House Tree Lighting on December 7. Santa was there and he and his family had lots of fun. The Youth Guidance Council and the Fire Department put on a wonderful community event.
- The next Environmental Commission meeting is December 22.

Councilwoman Kash

- Attended the Christmas Tree Lighting Event on December 7th at 5 p.m. at Cranberry Lake Fire House. About 150 people attended and fun was had by all.

Councilwoman Raffay

- The next Planning Board meeting is on December 18th at 8 p.m.

Mayor Oscovitch

- Reported that he is working on the Q & A sheet that he is putting together for nominating people for certain accomplishments.
- The Mayor would like to discuss the liaisons to committees later in the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I –Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash to open to the public. All members were in favor. Motion carried. No comments were made.

Skip Danielson, 18 Hunter Lane, asked how the County determines the funding formula for charging for their health services.

Joann Smith, 57 Lake Drive, stated that the Holiday lights look great and she appreciates the lack of traffic on Route 206. She suggested that each year we add more snowflakes if possible. Joann asked if the Waterloo Road building was still an option for the Township. Joe reported that he toured the building with the construction official and there were many concerns. Joann would like to see the Township renovate the building that we are in so that we don't take a ratable away from the town. Joann asked if there was any update about the possible move to the State Health Care Plan.

Alex Rubenstein, 3 Partridge Road, asked more questions about the health benefits. Joe summarized what transpired at the last health benefits meeting when 2 out of the 3 unions showed up. As of this date, no one has come forward with any alternative plans.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 2, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes –Motion by Councilwoman Kash second by Councilman Gray 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	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

- December 2, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes –Motion by Councilwoman Kash second by Councilman Olson 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	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

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. 178-2014 – Resolution Appointing Risk Management Consultant
- Resolution No. 179-2014 – Resolution to Join (Renew) the Statewide Insurance Fund
- Resolution No. 180-2014 – Resolution Appointing the Commissioner of the Statewide Insurance Fund for Byram Township
- Resolution No. 181-2014 – Annual Notice of the Calendar Dates of the Scheduled 2015 Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meetings of the Byram Township Council from 1/1/2015 until 12/31/2015
- Resolution No. 182-2014 – Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Liquor License to Venture Two LLC Valid from 7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015
- Resolution No. 183-2014 – Resolution Authorizing 100% Disabled Veteran Exempt Status to Owner of Block 308, Lot 1822 and Cancellation of Taxes From November 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 and Refund of Taxes Paid from November 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
- Resolution No. 184-2014 – Resolution Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of Radio Equipment at the Indian Springs Tower Site for the Twp. of Byram Fire Department
- Resolution No. 186-2014 – Resolution to Cancel Unexpended Balances in Sewer Utility Fund - \$26,204.20
- Resolution No. 187-2014 – Resolution to Authorize Purchase or Lease of E-Ticketing Hardware and Software
- Resolution No. 188-2014 – Resolution to Authorize Purchase and Installation of Two (2) Computer Tablets for the Byram Township Police Department
- Resolution No. 190-2014 – Resolution Authorizing the Amended Employment Agreement – J. Sabatini

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Motion			x		
2nd				x	
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

RESOLUTION NO. 185-2014 – Resolution to Authorize Submittal of No Net Loss Grant Application

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

RESOLUTION NO. 189-2014 – Resolution to Support restoration of Funding to State Parks Programs which will Suffer Cuts Due to Diversion of Corporation Business Tax Funds Due to Public Approval of New Jersey Ballot Question No. 2

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Motion			x		
2nd				x	
Yes		x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain	X				
Absent					

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2014 BILL LIST

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

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Motion			x		
2nd				x	
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

DISCUSSION

- **Sign Ordinance** – Looking to set a date for discussion with the EDAC, ARC, PB and the Township Council. The Council agreed on January 20th at 7:30 and the Clerk will ask Planner Paul Gleitz to attend.
- **NJ Conference of Mayors** – Jim Oscovitch suggested not joining for the upcoming year.
- **Liaison discussion** – The Council discussed the liaison positions for 2015. Marie Raffay would like to remain on the Planning Board and the Lenape BOE. YGC needs new volunteers – 2 people stepping down this year. Scott Olson would like to remain on the EDAC and Open Space. Dave Gray said he was willing to be the liaison to Board of Health and Environmental Commission because there is continuity between the two. Jimmy will be on the Recreation Committee. Nisha Kash will stay on Youth Guidance Council and Byram BOE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II

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

- Skip Danielson wished the Council a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

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- c. Personnel
- d. Contract Negotiations – 7 Waterloo Road
 - BARKS
 - Shared Services – County Dispatch, Zoning, OEM

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ADJOURN

On the motion of Councilman Olson, second by Councilman Gray, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

James Oscovitch, Mayor