

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING - AUGUST 12, 2014

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor 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, late (7:05 p.m.); 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 Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash, 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
 - General
- b. Personnel – Tax Collector position
- c. Contract Negotiations
 - Shared Services

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 August 12, 2014.

Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Gray	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Kash	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion			x		
2nd				x	
Yes		x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent	X (arr. 7:05)				

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash to return to open session at 7:40 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 removal of the raffles from the consent agenda. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

Manager’s Report

- The Manager thanked the group from the Senior Citizens Club for coming in on two occasions to fold and stuff the tax bills. The group did the entire job themselves, which was a lot of work and greatly appreciated.
- The Manager has begun the budget process. The budget will be evolving over the next few months.

Councilman Olson

- Participated in a meeting with the Mayor and Manager and Fire Department members at Lee Hill Safety building to go over improvements to Lee Hill and also discussed their equipment needs. Scott felt it was an interesting and productive meeting.
- On July 18, met with NJDOT and other Byram representatives to walk the corridor to look at the improvements. Scott felt it was frustrating to hear the same thing over and over of timelines that they don't keep to. Some issues have been resolved but there still are a lot of outstanding items.
- On 7/21/14 met with Musconetcong Watershed Association regarding the coffer dam situation on Route 206. The Association was shocked at the way the NJDOT constructed the dams, and will look further into the matter.
- On 7/21/14 attended an EPA meeting at town hall regarding the Mansfield Dump site.
- Attended the 7/22/14 Board of Health meeting. The committee is in the process of review all the BOH ordinances, because some are outdated.
- Met with Eileen Swan regarding the easement monitoring project. It is progressing along, and Lucy has most of the easements charted.
- Attended the Open Space meeting on 8/11/14 – the biggest project they are working on is the Forest Management Plan

Councilman Gray

- Reported on the discussions held at the last EC meeting regarding a soil importation ordinance, discussion about approval of large homes on Cranberry Lake, and the presentation on amphibians to the Council and at Byram Day.

Councilwoman Kash - No report

Councilwoman Raffay – No report

Mayor Oscovitch - No report

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.

Luann Byrne, 52 Richmond Road, had questions about the striping on Route 206.

Barbara McLoughlin, Treasurer of BMRPOA, stated that people need to pay more attention to the 35 mile speed limit on Route 206. She suggested putting additional signage.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 15, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes –Motion by Councilman Olson second by Councilwoman Kash 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	x				
Absent					

- July 15, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes –Motion by Councilman Olson second by Councilwoman Kash 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	x				
Absent					

- July 18, 2014 Special 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
No					
Abstain	x				
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. 111-2014 –Custodian of Funds/Signatories
- Resolution No. 112-2014 – Resolution to Award Stainless Steel Dump Body - \$60,000
- Resolution No. 113-2014 – Chapter 159 - \$11,420.00
- Resolution No. 114-2014 - - Resolution Authorizing 100% Disabled Veteran Exempt Status to Owner of Block 254, Lot 8 and Cancellation of 4th Quarter Taxes for 2014 and Refund of Taxes Paid From March 1, 2014 to Present
- Resolution No. 115-2014 – Resolution of the Township of Byram Awarding a Bid to Provide Jet Vac Stormwater Cleaning Services not to exceed \$6,750.00
- Resolution No. 116-2014 – Resolution of Award to Dosch-King Co., Inc. for Improvements to Various Roads not to exceed \$97,200.00
- Resolution No. 117-2014 – Resolution of Award to Edge Property Maintenance for Replacement of DPW Garage Floor Replacement not to exceed \$99,990.00
- Resolution No. 118-2014 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Documents Associated With Accepting a 2014 Highlands Council Planning Assistance Grant for a Stormwater System Inventory/Mapping Pilot Program
- Resolution No. 119-2014 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Mansfield Trail Dump Superfund Site Consent for Access to Property Agreement
- Resolution No. 120-2014 – Resolution Authorizing Joshua D. Mackoff LLC to Provide Appraisal Services for Block 337 Lot 9.01 for Open Space services

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

RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

- 50/50 Raffle License Application – Byram Historical Society – Byram Day
- 50/50 Raffle License Application – Byram Historical Society for FOWV at Waterloo Village on October 9, 2014

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

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12, 2014 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	
2nd	x				
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

DISCUSSION ITEM

- Proposed Sign Ordinance Status

Joe Sabatini summarized the status of the sign ordinance. It was suggested to have a workshop consisting of members from the ARC, EDAC, Planning Board and Council. Joe Sabatini has asked the Zoning Officer to go up and down the corridor and take pictures of all the sign violations. He suggested that the EDAC get a copy of the sign ordinance and back up information for review. At the workshop, recommendations could be made and the proposed ordinance could be further revised.

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.

Barbara McLoughlin is happy to see that the Township is going to address the sign issue in town.

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

ADJOURN

On the motion of Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

James Oscovitch, Mayor