

**BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING - APRIL 2, 2019**  
**CLOSED SESSION – 6:30 P.M.**  
**REGULAR SESSION – 7:30 P.M.**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Rubenstein called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in the list of meetings in our annual notice sent to the newspapers and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as required. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman Gray, late (6:32pm); Councilwoman Kash, here; Councilman Olson, here; Councilman Roseff, here; Mayor Rubenstein, here. Also present was Township Manager Joe Sabatini, Township Attorney Tom Collins and Municipal Clerk Doris Flynn.

**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 Communication
  - General
  - Village Center – Twp. Planner Inquiry
  - Stag Pond
  - Shared Services
  - Adopt-A-Spot
  - SHBP
- b. Contract Negotiations
  - Joint Court Agreement
  - Netcong Construction 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**

	Councilman Gray	Councilwoman Kash	Councilman Olson	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion			x		
2nd		x			
Yes		x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent	x				

Certification: I certify that the Byram Township Council adopted the above resolution on April 2, 2019.  
 Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Councilman Gray, second by Councilman Olson to approve the agenda with the inclusion of Resolution No. 82-2019, Resolution by the Township of Byram to offer an Incentive Under the State Health Benefits Program to Subscribers who Select Enrollment into Tiered-Network Medical Plans and adding a discussion item regarding Scenic Byway. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION – AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION** – Special Education Teacher Kara Valeich and her daughter Alexa, who is a Jr. Ambassador for Autism Awareness came to the Council this evening.

Alexa Valeich read:

*If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we just might set the world in the right direction.*

By Martin Kornfeld

*This is true, just think about what the world would be like. That is why I do Autism Awareness. It spreads kindness. There are a lot of people that were born with Autism. We should always be kind even if someone is different than us. The truth is everyone is different. If you see somebody born with autism at a school or in a store and anywhere else smile and say hi. Be friendly it always makes people happy when you are kind to them.*

*Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see – by Mark Twain*

Kara Valeich provided the following facts:

*1 in 34 children in NJ have autism*

*1 in 59 in the US have autism*

*Boys are 4 times more likely to have autism than girls*

*Raise money for autism NJ - Supports families with autism, provides education and training for both educators and caregivers. Advocate for those with autism in state government and provide awareness /education to communities to build acceptance for those with autism*

*Fundraisers*

*1) 14<sup>th</sup> annual dress down week*

*2) 14<sup>th</sup> annual t-shirt fundraiser- this year's design – Noah Dolan – age 15 , Byram resident, loves snowmen, Nintendo DS, drawing, playing instruments, and dancing*

*3) Letter writing- parent letters about raising a child with autism*

*4) Byram PTA- tonight the PTA held an inclusive Sky Zone jumping event*

Joshua Rubenstein, 3 Partridge Run, came before the Council to speak for Autism Awareness Month

*Hello Dad... your Excellency... and the rest of the council.*

*For those of you who don't know me my name is Joshua I am 17 years old. I currently attend Sussex County Technical School as an Engineering Student and I am Autistic. To be more specific I have a form of autism called Aspergers. I remember the day that my parents told me. I was young... my response... "Really... they couldn't come up with a better name than ASSS Bergers???"*

*We all laughed a lot about that. I was actually relieved they told me. I knew for a long time that I was different but I didn't know why.*

*There have been some advantages and disadvantages in my life to being on the spectrum. I have learned as I get older that everyone goes through something terrible in their life but it is how you react to that "something terrible" that matters.*

*I consider myself fortunate because some kids on the spectrum do not have verbal skills. Although at times I don't know what to say, at least I have language to try and communicate. I also have parents and family members and teachers along the way that have found me therapies to help overcome or deal with obstacles in my paths. One of the big reasons why we moved to Byram was because of the excellent school system they have in place for kids like me.*

● *Disadvantages*

*Easily distracted when bored*

*Ticks like fidgeting with hands or objects and tapping my feet*

*Very hard for me to make eye contact*

*Daydreaming*

*Hear things others don't hear*

*Being shy towards or completely avoiding strangers or people I don't see often*

*Losing my train of thought and mild stuttering while speaking*

*Severe delay in my thought process and hearing issues*

*Moments where I don't want to talk to anyone*

*The desire to please everyone*

*And of course there are Peers who are Stupid and just don't understand me...*

● *Advantages*

*Hyper focusing on a task that I find interesting – Titanic – did you know...*

*Remembering random events with great detail – did you know ...*

*I know every line from every movie that Disney or Pixar created and I insert them in my conversations all the time.*

*Thinking outside the box or differently from others*

*Creativity – Art awards this year*

*I'm happy that I am autistic – find a career path that I will excel in. It has also helped me grow incredibly close to my family. I've met special people like Mrs. Valeich who have helped me in the past and currently and who help my 6 year old Autistic brother as well. I will like to leave you with this quote I love from Dr. Seuss which applies to all of us:*

*“Be who you are and say what you feel because those who matter don't mind and those who mind don't matter.”*

*Thank You!*

Scott Olson applauded the presentation. He said that he has worked with Celebrate the Children in the past and is so impressed with what they and Byram Lakes School do for children with autism.

The Mayor stated that the services that Byram Schools has offered to his family have been second to none. Councilman Gray was very impressed with Kara, Alexa and Joshua. The children amazed him – kids did better than lawyers he sees every day.

Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash to authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation. All members were in favor. Scott also noted that it is World Autism Day.

## **2019 BUDGET HEARING**

Township Auditor Ray Sarenelli Jr. from Nisovaccia and CFO Ashleigh Frueholz were present.

Joe Sabatini made the following comments:

- *First like to thank my Department Heads and staff for their support of the 2019 budget process.*
- *The budget process started in August with initial departmental budgets requested by the end of August.*
- *My initial budget memo was presented to the Mayor and Council on August 3 requesting the Mayor and Council to identify the goals and objectives for 2019.*
- *The municipal budget is the Council's most important annual policy statement. It defines how the local government will implement its priorities for the next fiscal year.*
- *Evolution of the budget can be followed on the Township's website. There are multiple memorandums and draft budget details that have been posted.*
- *I would like to thank the Budget Subcommittee of Councilman Roseff and the Mayor and the Capital Budget Subcommittee of Councilman Gray and Olson.*
- *These committees serve to discuss Township financial issues with focus on the annual operations and capital budgets. The Council Members of the subcommittees are to represent the goals and of objectives of the entire Council.*
- *The budget subcommittee met in November and January. There was a Public Workshop with the entire council in early February (2/5).*
- *As always, the initial focus of the budget is on appropriations (expenditures). Appropriations are the platform that allows local government to deliver services to its residents.*
- *The focus on revenues occurs, once the prior calendar year books have been closed, we have a draft version of the Annual Financial Statement, and we know what the final actual 2018 miscellaneous revenues were by category. State statute prevents the Township from anticipating more in miscellaneous revenues for each category than what was realized in the prior year.*
- *My 2019 Municipal Budget Message details the particulars of this year's budget.*

- *The challenge with this budget is to maintain the same level of services for the residents while cost continue to increase. The Township continues to hold the line on departmental operating expenses. This budget has over \$164,000 of increased expenses that are not associated with any departmental budget.*
- *This budget plan has been constructed to fund more capital projects through the budget. The combination of shifting money between line items and increasing the amount of Capital Improvement Fund helps reduce the dependency on incurring debt to pay for capital projects.*

Ray Sarinelli stated that this year was unique because of the new State process--FAST. After the introduction, the budget was sent to the State. There were some corrections that we had to do because of the new system, and we received State approval. Ray stated that our budget is a structurally sound, multi-year tool.

Alex Rubenstein talked about uncontrollable increases:

Police Salary and Wage (contract) - \$91,000  
 Court Shared Service - \$2,601  
 Garbage Contract - \$12,000  
 PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) - \$23,234  
 PFRS (Police and Fire Retirement System) - \$48,803

Total - \$177,638

These are expenses are contractual in nature and cannot be changed at the whim of the council. However, the actual Levy increase (meaning, the amount we actually collect through taxation) is \$112,904.60. Alex stated that the Township absorbed much of the contractual increases, added a much needed position, resulting in the average household increase just under \$30.

Harvey Roseff stated that he doesn't feel that we should go to a new full-time position. It has an unusual job description. This position is going to be 60-70% of the administration function of recreation but will not be providing rec programs to the Township. We have lost our funding for a professional grant writer. This was going to be a person with expertise, which was not going to have a cost of health benefits. It would have been a learning experience, giving us a credential that we didn't have before. He doesn't see how we are going to find a person that will have all the skills needed to perform the job functions presented. We haven't yet implemented moving our funding from our open space fund towards recreation. He would like to see us go back to a part time recreation director, to save on health costs. He would like us to reconsider the budget.

David Gray stated that he is in general in agreement with Councilman Roseff that a grant writer could be a benefit. He would like to look into this again next year. He feels if we did this, it will show that we explored every avenue to get grants. We have shifted our policy from buying open space to using it for improvements to recreational facilities, such as repairing the bathrooms at CO Johnson. David stated that technically we could have a 0 increase this year but it will increase the volatility in future years, which he doesn't think is fair to residents. David asked Ray Sarinelli his views on this. Ray stated that it is their philosophy to advise their clients to bring stability to the fund balances, which he explained in detail. David talked about his participation in the capital subcommittee and provided some highlights as to what goes into capital planning. David thanked Ray and Ashleigh for coming this evening.

The Mayor stated that he was in agreement with using OS funds for recreation, although he doesn't think we should go into it haphazardly. Right now we are going through a Parks and Recreation Plan review, which will help us form a clear plan on how to move forward. Alex stated that in 2018 we did budget money for a grant writer, but the Council did not move forward with the process. In 2018 we received over \$800,000 in grant money. So far in 2019, we received \$208,000 for improvements to Whitehall Hill Road. Alex does not want the perception to be that without a grant writer, we are not working hard and getting grants because that is not true. He may agree that with a grant writer we could potentially get more, but he feels that we would need a definitive plan on types of grants we would be looking for.

Nisha Kash was in agreement with the comments said about a grant writer and using open space funds for recreation. She feels we have kept taxes to a minimum in the last 8 years.

Scott Olson thanked Joe and Ashleigh and stated that this is a very responsible budget. This is the first time we are able to fully fund all the capital projects from the road department. Scott read from the Manager's budget message with regard to the job description of the new full-time position. He is fully in favor of hiring. Scott also stated that he is totally in support of a grant writer but feels we need to have plan before we pay someone \$36,000.

Scott stated that we have spent over \$800,000 in recreation improvements in the last 10 years. We have only spent \$140,000 of open space funds for acquisition over that time period because we were successful in getting funding from other sources. The Open Space committee has agreed to focus on maintenance and improvements to recreation.

Open to Public

Rosemarie Smith, 125 Roseville Road, thanked the Council for the work they do, but asked the Council not to hire more than one employee. Her taxes are high enough. She likes the small town feel and doesn't want it to change.

Mike Pellek, 2 Lee Hill Road, spent 4 hours reviewing the municipal budget document and went through it line by line. He asked several questions on Page 9, 12, 14, 15, which were answered by the Mayor, Joe and Ashleigh. He questioned the cost being paid to Sparta for Fire Prevention. Sparta keeps the revenue. He questioned the cost of the dispatch agreement. He questioned why \$3000 was removed from celebration of events. Alex stated that it was moved to the recreation committee budget. Bottom line going through the budget – he looked at the reserve, which was high. He suggested lowering the reserve. Mike Pellek stated that each year he sits down with his Manager, and he has to justify his budget.

Mike Pellek, 2 Lee Hill Road, suggested having dog waste bags at the trail heads.

Joanne Smith, 57 Lake Drive, asked how much savings the Township will expect by moving the SHBP. It will be a couple hundred thousand dollars.

Larry Rotter, 80 Tamarack Road, thanked Joe for including all the information in the budget message. He questioned why we couldn't lower the budget for health care if we have 14 people who take the waiver for healthcare. Joe stated that we do use some of the money for capital expenditures but we don't remove it from the budget and explained the ramifications if you do. The Township has the liability for 14 people, and if we remove it we would have to increase the budget in the future if and when the employees come back under health care. Joe explained that increasing the use of fund balance does

Bill Koelfoffer, 87 Lake Drive, if a person waives their health benefits and comes back on, do they refund the waiver.

Scott Yappen, 5 Catherine Terrace, asked if it was true that the new employee will be responsible to recreation for 2/3 of the time. Alex stated yes, approximately 60-70% of the employee's time. Scott Yappen asked what are the 5 largest components of the budget. Joe stated:

- Administrative offices except DPW, 13%
- Public safety – 20.19%
- Public works – 11.98%
- Community programs .38%
- Group Insurance 15%

Scott Yappen, stated that Byram's budget has went up every year for 10 years and our services have not increased. He has looked at other towns. In Randolph, they have a similar park and rec plan which they paid \$19,000 for by the same consultant that we are using. Scott talked about Washington Township in Morris County which has 19,000 residents, and they employ a Township Manager and one Clerk with no staff underneath them, and they get it done. They have an agreement to share turf fields with the high school. Scott asked if we have entered into any agreement with Lenape Valley High School to use their fields. They get grants and have built walking paths around their parks from open space trust funds. Alex stated that we do not have any agreement with Lenape. Alex stated that we have a Council liaison to LVR BOE. Harvey asked if the Recreation Committee could meet with a BOE member to discuss. Scott Yappen suggested that the new hire could look into this.

Liberty Township told him they don't keep money in the bank, they spend it. Also, Andover Township told Scott they use the open space money. In Green Brook, a Council member told him that they get outside groups to sponsor things in their town. Scott Yappen stated that we need to look at other municipalities and see what they are doing. He stated that a tax increase every year is unsustainable but we keep doing it.

Close to the public

**RESOLUTION NO. 075- 2019 - Budget Adoption Resolution – Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash**

	Councilman Gray	Councilwoman Kash	Councilman Olson	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion			x		
2nd		x			
Yes	x	x	x		x
No				x	
Abstain					
Absent					

**PROCLAMATIONS**

- B. Arbor Day 2019 – Motion by Scott Olson, second by David Gray to authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation. All members in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Child Abuse Prevention Month – Motion by Nisha Kash, second by David Gray to authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation. All members in favor. Motion carried.

**RECOGNITION OF RESIGNATION OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER –** William Schenkel submitted a letter of resignation. The Council thanked him for his service from 2014 and Scott asked the Clerk to send a letter of thanks. Motion by Councilwoman Kash, second by Councilman Olson, to accept the resignation. All in favor. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Township Manager

- Remind everyone that parks and rec survey is still open and encouraged everyone to take the survey.
- Received \$208,000 NJDOT grant for the road improvements to White Hall Hill Road.
- Received a request today from Lacrosse program to use the Byram fields

Mayor Rubenstein

- 3/21 – Planning Board meeting – Application for an addition and garage was approved
- 4/3 – Building subcommittee meeting to work on the draft recommendation report
- 3/29 - Attended Lakeland Squad dinner with Joe – Lakeland received 1,300 calls – responded to 98.4% - 596 in Byram

Councilman Gray reported that a resident complimented Officer Donofrio to him.

Councilwoman Kash –No report

Councilman Roseff – Attended 3/28 Environmental Commission meeting. The EC finalized the ANJEC grant and talked about the upgrade of the rating for C-1 waters. The EC’s comments on the Vegetative Act will be discussed later in the meeting. Also, NJDEP is proposing an upgrade of the rating for tributary of C-1 waters.

Councilman Olson

- 3/20 Historical Society Meeting. Wayne McCabe was special speaker. It was a great presentation with a big turnout.
- 3/30 – First Annual Northwest NJ Rivers Conference at Centenary University. Great conference. Attended 3 seminars: Eco-tourism, benefits on conforming with the Highlands using highlights from Byram, and Solving Stormwater Management Problems. Byram was talked about as a good example for environmental policy and programs. At the meeting, Scott met someone from Princeton Hydro. Because of the recent nomination by the NJDEP of Lubbers Run as a C-1 stream, they were interested in speaking to about the EPA 319 Water Quality Grants. Scott will try to set a discussion with LLIC to discuss this further. A national group will be setting up website for the Appalachian Trail and surrounding areas supporting geo tourism.
- Scott highlighted a few birthdays—Nisha’s birthday on 3/31 and Tom Collins’ birthday on 4/7
- 4/8 – open space meeting at 7:30

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I**

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

Jack Moran, 7 East Waterloo, asked about the status of natural gas, cable, and ISO. Alex stated that he had a phone call with NJ Natural Gas and they are in the process of filing with the BPU for a main line extension. They didn’t forget about Byram. It is a slow process and right now Byram is designated to be served by Elizabethtown Gas. Harvey said we are due to have another meeting. They are in the process of gather information. Also,

Jack asked if we do any long-term planning of at least 10 years, increase in salaries, health care, etc. Alex stated that we do long term planning for capital items. Joe stated that on the website you can find a capital memo that has information.

Larry Rotter, 80 Tamarack Road, asked who was sitting on the side table during the council meeting. The Mayor stated it was our Township Auditor, Ray Sarinelli and Byram’s CFO Ashleigh Frueholz. He asked what was going on with the property next to the Bagel shop.

Annalise Tartell, wanted to recognize Officer Delicker, because a child had several seizers at her daycare center and officer Tommy Delicker jumped into action and remained calm and assisted until the paramedics arrived.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- March 19, 2019 – Regular & Closed Session Minutes – Motion by Councilman Gray, second by Councilwoman Kash , to adopt the minutes with the correction requested by Harvey Roseff as presented.

	Councilman Gray	Councilwoman Kash	Councilman Olson	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
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 Gray, second by Councilwoman Kash to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Resolution No. 076-2019 – A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Byram Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website
- B. Resolution No. 077-2019 – Final Acceptance of Proposed Improvements to Roseville Road
- C. Resolution No. 078-2019 – Establishing Salaries for the Non-Union Employees for Calendar Year 2019
- D. Resolution No. 079-2019 – Authorization to Purchase Rock Salt under the Sussex County Cooperative Pricing System for Budget Year 2019
- E. Resolution No. 080-2019 – Resolution of Acceptance of a Donated Fire Truck to the Township of Byram for the Byram Township Fire Department
- F. Resolution No. 081-2019 – Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a \$1,500 Grant from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) 2019 Open Space Grant for Environmental Commissions
- G. Resolution No. 082-2019 - Resolution by the Township of Byram to Offer an Incentive Under the State Health Benefits Program to Subscribers who Select Enrollment into Tiered-Network Medical Plans

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

**APRIL 2, 2019 BILL LIST**

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

	Councilman Gray	Councilwoman Kash	Councilman Olson	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2nd		x			
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

**ORDINANCE – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading / Introduction**

- BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW FINGERPRINTING SYSTEM FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000.00**” be read by title on first reading.

Purpose Statement: **Acquisition of new fingerprinting system for use by the Police Department of the Township.**

Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash to introduce this ordinance.

	Councilman Gray	Councilwoman Kash	Councilman Olson	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion			x		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		x			
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

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 April 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 10 Mansfield Drive, Byram Township, at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

- BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS STREETS AND LOCATIONS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$324,500.00**” be read by title on first reading.

Purpose Statement: **Reconstruction and Resurfacing of Various Streets and Locations in and by the Township including without limitation, Briar Lane, Joan Drive, Ross Road, Manu Trail, Hunters Lane, Colby Drive, Old Indian Springs Road and Ghost Pony Road including reconstruction of culverts and headwalls and all curbing, drainage facilities/inlets, landscaping, reclamation, milling, structures, roadway surfaces including oil and stone, cape sealing or similar application, materials, equipment, site work and engineering costs.**

Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash to introduce this ordinance.

	Councilman Gray	Councilwoman Kash	Councilman Olson	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion			x		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		x			
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

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- BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$83,000.00**” be read by title on first reading.

Purpose Statement: **Acquisition of new equipment for use by the Department of Public Works of the Township.**

Motion by Councilwoman Kash, second by Councilman Gray to introduce this ordinance.

	Councilman Gray	Councilwoman Kash	Councilman Olson	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion		x			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	x				
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
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**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Municipal Building – Next meeting will be April 3 at 7:30 p.m. and the recommendation from this committee will be presented to the Council at the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting
- EC Comments on Vegetative Management Response Act – fundamentally this State bill is changing the approach for tree removal around wires. It gives the tree cutter the authority to cut down any trees. EC is in favor of keeping the existing protocols. Tom Collins stated that the Council should correspond with the legislatures. The Council agreed to prepare a resolution authorizing the letter to be sent by the Mayor on behalf of the Council for the next meeting.
- Scenic Byway – Contact David Dech and have him come to the Township Council to explain – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in May

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II**

Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilman Gray, to open to the public.

Carlos Luaces, 7 Johnson Blvd., asked if there has been any activity from the Byram Business Owners Association. Alex hasn't heard from them since November. Alex will reach out to them to see what the status is. Carlos stated that he is seeing more for sale signs and stores closing. Carlos was concerned about the Quick Check closing. Joe stated that there is a signed agreement that Quick Check will remain open for 5 years. Alex will send Carlos the contact info for the BBOA.

Jack Moran, 7 East Waterloo Road, asked if there has been any movement on the easement on the end of Woods Edge Road. Our Town Engineer was asked to submit a proposal to provide a study on a 2<sup>nd</sup> ingress/egress from the East Brookwood neighborhood.

Jack asked if there has been any movement on the electricity co-op. Alex stated that he did speak to Concord to clarify the commission they earn. It is .02, which is much higher than what originally thought. They also provided Alex with the names of 10 Mayors who he can reach out to for a reference.

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Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilman Gray to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. All members in favor. Motion carried.

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Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

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Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor