

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 16, 2017

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION – 7:30 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Councilman Olson 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, (7:07 p.m.) Councilman Olson, here; Councilwoman Kash, here; Mayor Oscovitch, absent. Township Manager Joe Sabatini, Attorney Tom Collins and Municipal Clerk Doris Flynn were also present.

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:

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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 May 16, 2017.
Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

Motion by Councilman Olson second by Councilwoman Raffay to go into closed session and adopt the above resolution.

	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Gray	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Kash	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 Kash to return to open session. All members were in favor. Motion Carried.

CALL COUNCIL MEETING BACK TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

PROCLAMATION – Peace Officer’s Memorial Day – May15, 2017 – Deputy Mayor Gray read the proclamation. Motion by Councilwoman Kash, second by Councilman Olson, to adopt this proclamation. All members in favor. Motion carried.

BYRAM POLICE OFFICER’S AWARD CEREMONY

On May 16, 2017, several Byram Township Police Officers received achievement awards for various accomplishments in 2016. The officers listed below received the following awards:

Sergeant Brian Moreland: Educational Achievement Award for earning a Master of Arts Degree in Homeland Security from American Military University

Sergeant Daniel DeWald: 15 Year Good Conduct Award

Patrolman Victor Marin: 15 Year Good Conduct Award

Patrolman Todd Sodano: Honorable Service Award for assisting a Sergeant from the Stanhope Police Department with delivering two babies at the expecting mother's residence

Detective Robert Tierney: Honorable Service Award for conducting an investigation into a mortgage fraud scheme that led to a successful federal prosecution of several suspects

Detective Tierney also received a 10 Year Good Conduct Award

Patrolman Marcus Lisa: Honorable Service Award for assisting a Sergeant from the Stanhope Police Department with delivering two babies at the expecting mother's residence.

Patrolman Lisa also received an Educational Achievement Award for earning an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Sussex County Community College

Patrolman Kevin Perry: Educational Achievement Award for earning an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Fire Science from the County College of Morris

TOWNSHIP MANAGER/COUNCIL REPORTS

Manager's Report

- Municipal Building Project – Completed the last informational session regarding the proposed new municipal building. If anyone would like further information, please contact the Manager. We are planning to introduce the bond ordinance on June 5.
- Free E-Waste at SCMUA is on Saturday, May 20

Councilman Olson

- Salt has been voted the best burger in Sussex County by NJ
- EPA investigation of Mansfield Dump Site – Looking to start remediating at the site in June. There will be a lot of activity from mid June to September 1.

Councilman Gray

- LEAD graduation ceremony on May 18 at 9:30 a.m. – Picnic to follow
- Senior of the Year luncheon is on May 18 at noon. Sandy Wray has been nominated as Senior of the Year.

Councilwoman Raffay – Planning Board meeting on May 18 at 8 p.m. Blues Fest at Waterloo Village this weekend.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I

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

Skip Danielson, 18 Hunter Lane, he stated that 16 months ago he lost his son. He is going to Washington, DC this weekend to honor him. He asked for recognition of the Veterans.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 27, 2017 - Special 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					
2nd	x				
Yes			x	x	
No					
Abstain		x			
Absent					x

- May 2, 2017 – Regular 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	
No					
Abstain		x			
Absent					x

- May 2, 2017 - Executive Meeting Minutes – Motion by Councilwoman Raffay, 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	
No					
Abstain		x			
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 Councilwoman Raffay, second by Councilwoman Kash to approve the consent agenda.

- Resolution No. 79-2017 – Resolution Authorizing Byram Township Fire Department to Conduct a Bucket Drop – June 24th & June 25th
- Resolution No. 80-2017- Resolution Authorizing Byram Township Fire Department to Conduct a Bucket Drop –October 21st & October 22nd
- Resolution No. 81-2017 - Resolution Amending Resolution 162-2016, Authorizing L & G Planning To Provide Planning Services for the Amendment and Adoption of the Highlands Land Use Ordinances
- Resolution No. 82-2017 – Resolution of Acceptance of Donation to Paint the Interior of the Pound
- Resolution No. 83-2017 – 2017 Parks and Recreation Fee Structure for the 2017 Field Hockey Program, Grades 4-8

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

MAY 16, 2017 BILL LIST

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

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

ORDINANCES – Introduction / First Reading

- BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance entitled “**Ordinance to Amend Chapter 48 of the Byram Township Code Entitled Police Department, Article II, §48-24 Outside Services**” be read by title on first reading.

Purpose Statement: From time to time there is a request for police services to serve private or quasi-public functions within the Township or neighboring communities. The provisions of this ordinance supports the authorization to provide off-duty police officers to perform general safety and police services at a defined contracted rate.

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

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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 June 5th 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 concerning said ordinance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Garbage / Recycling Contract – Contract expires 1/31/18. We have to publicly bid our solid waste services. It must be advertised for a minimum of 60 days. We will plan to have bid documents done by August 1, and advertise soon after. With our present contract, Byram pays the tipping fee and Blue Diamond picks up the garbage and brings it to SCMUA. Separately we entered into a contract with Recommunity to accept our recyclables, and pay Byram \$18/ton. The school has asked us about adding the school in with our garbage contract. We could do this as an alternative bid. We could either enter into a shared service agreement with the school or absorb the cost. We have reached out to Recommunity to ask about their interest in continuing to pay for recycling. Last time we bid, we did an alternate bid to include tipping fees and without tipping fees. We do not show the income from Recommunity as anticipated revenue. It averages about \$10,000/year. Joe Sabatini said that owning the recycling has significant risk. Joe recommended that we do not own the recycling. Tom Collins suggested doing an alternative bid for recycling 1x/week. Joe will work on a 5 year spec, not owning the recycling, with an alternative bid for tipping fees and possible alternate bid for the school’s solid waste.
- Township Anticipated Revenues – Scott asked to put this on the agenda. He was speaking to someone at one of the information sessions on the new building, who suggested finding a way to increase our revenues. We’ve continued to lose revenue steadily from 2008 till present. Joe reviewed the loss of revenues over the ten years. David thought we should continue looking at revenues. Scott stated that we are close to amending our ordinances and moving forward on our Economic Development enhancements.
- Fire Department Apparatus – Looking at putting together a long term plan for fire apparatus. The last sub-committee meeting was May 11. We are looking at replacing Engine 6 and Tender 7. The committee came up with a plan to replace Engine 6 (25 years old) and Tender 7 (17 years old) with a pumper/tanker, which would be replacing 2 pieces of equipment with one. The recommended option from the Fire Department is Option B, and purchase a tender/pumper which will reduce the fleet by one, but provide a truck and with a tanker that will hold 8 firefighters and 2500 gallons of water. Joe would do a bond ordinance for \$600,000 for the truck. Marie asked Todd if having two uses on one apparatus would pose any maintenance problems or drawbacks. Todd did not see any drawbacks. We have purchased through Houston-Galveston before, and we would look to use it again. There was consensus among the Council to move forward with this plan. Joe will contact bond counsel to prepare a bond ordinance for \$600,000.
- Tamarack Park – This event was rained out and the Council discussed rescheduling. We will look into doing it at 6 on Friday, June 9.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II

Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay to open to the public. All members in favor. Motion carried. No comments made

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

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Abstain					
Absent					x

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Motion by Councilwoman Raffay second by Councilman Olson to return to open session. 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 10:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

David Gray, Deputy Mayor