

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING - OCTOBER 18, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Oscovitch called the meeting to order at 7:10 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, arrived at 7:45pm; Councilman Olson, here; Councilwoman Kash, absent; Mayor Oscovitch, here. 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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BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Certification: I certify that the Byram Township Council adopted the above resolution on October 18, 2016.
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 Raffay, 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 Councilman Olson, second by Councilman Gray, to approve the. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER/COUNCIL REPORTS

Township Manager

- Joe reported that we received a notice from the NJDOT that the suspension of projects pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order No. 210 has been lifted. The Township has already contacted the County to ask when the construction will begin again on the Roseville Bridge.

- The fire truck which was for sale on the online auction through GovDeals, did not sell. We did have a \$3000 minimum bid set on it. Joe asked if there was anyone opposed to relisting the fire truck without a minimum bid. No comments were made.

Councilman Olson

- Open Space met on October 11 with the new consultants. We discussed the Highlands grant application, RFP for a forester, and plans for a grand opening in the spring of Tamarack Park.
- CAG met on October 13. A new contractor has been hired, who will continue working in accordance with the plan on the Mansfield Trail Dump Superfund Site. To date, \$5.5 million has been spent on removal of contamination, testing, etc.
- Historical Society will meet on November 2 at 7 p.m.
- Scott announced the October Waterloo Village events – Halloween event on October 30 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. and evening tours on Thursday.

Councilman Gray

- The Hudson Farm Hike was fabulous. A big thank you to Peter Kellogg and all the volunteers. There was a great police presence, as well as many fire department and Lakeland members in attendance. It was a huge success, raising over \$100,000 for the charitable organizations in Byram. He stated that there was a great article in the NJHerald.
- Dave commented on the gas tax hike and agreed with the Mayor that we need to keep on top of the state now, and make sure we get state aid from the increased TTF for our road projects. Sussex County residents are disproportionately affected by this tax.

Councilwoman Raffay

- Planning Board meets on November 3 at 8 p.m.

Mayor Oscovitch

- Hudson Farm Charity Hike was again a very successful event.
- Jim shared his opinion about the tax increase, and stated that no municipality should even get denied a NJDOT grant for roads.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I

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

Jackie Espinoza, JCPL representative, spoke about the FirstEnergy’s Power System Institute program, which is a two-year college program combining academics and hands-on training to prepare students for a career in the electric utility industry.

Luann Byrne, 34 Richmond Road, questioned the resolutions for redemption to outside lien holders on the consent agenda. Tom Collins explained that it is a good thing for the town, because people came in to pay outstanding taxes, and the lien holder then gets refunded.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 4, 2016 – Regular Minutes - Motion by Councilman Olson, 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
No					
Abstain					
Absent				x	

- October 4, 2016 - Executive Meeting Minutes – Motion by Councilman Olson, 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
No					
Abstain					
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 Councilman Olson, second by Councilman Gray to approve the consent agenda.

- Resolution No. 165-2016 – Resolution Approving the Execution of a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Byram and the Town of Newton for Tax Collection Services from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017
- Resolution No. 166-2016 – Final Acceptance of the Proposed Construction of Tamarack Park
- Resolution No. 167-2016 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Animal Control agreement between The Township of Byram and The Township of Mt. Olive for 2017/2018
- Resolution No. 168-2016 – Chapter 159- Body Armor Replacement - \$1,622.78
- Resolution No. 169-2016 – Resolution Authorizing the Youth Guidance Council to purchase Three Gift Cards for \$25 each from Shoprite to use as prizes at the Trunk-Or-Treat
- Resolution No. 170-2016 – A Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Byram Authorizing the Disposal of Non Usable Equipment Not Suitable for Sale
- Resolution No. 171-2016 – Authorize Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder – 8 Catalina Drive, Block 337 Lot 9.05
- Resolution No. 172-2016 - Authorize Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder – 20 Catalina Drive, Block 337 Lot 9.11
- Resolution No. 173-2016 - Authorize Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder – 1 Catalina Drive, Block 337 Lot 9.14
- Resolution No. 174-2016 - Authorize Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder – 3 Catalina Drive, Block 337 Lot 9.15
- Resolution No. 175-2016 - Authorize Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder - 5 Catalina Drive, Block 337 Lot 9.17
- Resolution No. 176-2016 – Resolution of Modification of Damaged Mailbox Policy
- Resolution No. 177-2016 – Support for the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Funding through the Transportation Alternatives Grant Program for Improvements to the Morris Canal in Waterloo Village
- Resolution No. 178-2016 – Resolution Authorizing Submittal of 2016 Byram Township Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan

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2 nd		x			
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Absent				x	

Proclamation – Fire Prevention Week

Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay, to adopt the above proclamation.

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

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18, 2016 BILL LIST

Motions by Councilman Gray, second by Councilman Olson to approve the bill list as presented.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II

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

Luann Byrne, 34 Richmond Road, asked about the value of the fire truck. It is a very old truck, with much of the apparatus removed. It does not have much value. When someone purchases it, they will have to pay to tow it from our location.

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

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ADJOURN

On the motion of Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

James Oscovitch, Mayor