

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER 2, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Oscovitch called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Collins and Municipal Clerk Doris Flynn were also present.

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

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

Skip Danielson, 18 Hunter Lane, commented that the Jones Lane field area is looking good. Skip asked if there has been any update about traffic signal at Tamarack Road and Route 206.

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

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

Township Manager

- Election Day tomorrow – 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Next regular meeting is Monday, November 16--7 p.m. executive session, and regular meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Friday will be the first pick up for recycling which will be every other Friday.
- First leaf pick up is week of November 9th, second pick up is week of December 14.
- Joe and Adolf Steyh have been asked to attend meeting on Wednesday night at the schools to discuss shared services.
- Senator Oroho’s office is working on setting up a meeting with NJDOT at our request.

Councilwoman Kash – Attended Board of Education on October 21 at 7 p.m.- reviewed district goals.

Attended the Trick or treat event at Waterloo on October 25—it was a great night.

Attended the Economic Study Workshop on October 27 – Nisha found it very interesting.

Councilman Gray

- Attended the Trick and Treat event at Waterloo Village. David said it was well run and the Village looked great.
- David went to 3 different areas on Halloween with his children. It was nice to see police cars riding slowly through neighborhoods saying hello and making sure everyone was safe.

Councilwoman Raffay – The next Planning Board meeting is on November 5.

Councilman Olson

- Attended the County open space meeting with Barbara Davis from The Land Conservancy at Byram Town Hall on October 22. There was a great turn out from committees. Open Space funding is on the ballot tomorrow.
- Attended the economic study workshop on October 27. There was a very good turnout of residents and business owners. The steering committee meets again on November 12 and will set date for next meeting soon.
- Historical society meets on November 9

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 20, 2015 - Regular Meeting Minutes –Motion by Councilwoman Kash second by Councilman Gray as amended 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					

- October 20, 2015 - 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	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 Councilman Gray, to approve the consent agenda. David Gray mentioned that the Body Armor Replacement Fund’s acronym was BARF.

- Resolution No. 167-2015 – Chapter 159 – \$1,678.72 – Body Armor Replacement Fund (BARF)
- Resolution No. 168-2015 – Resolution to Transfer 2015 Budget Appropriations Current Fund
- Resolution No. 169-2015 – Cancellation of Prior Year Grant Reserve
- Resolution No. 170-2015 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Documents Associated with the Amended Real Estate Contract on Block 337 Lot 9.01
- Resolution No. 171-2015 – Resolution Authorizing Finelli Consulting Engineers to Provide Survey Services Associated with Acquisition of Block 337, Lot 9.01 (Glenside Woods III) for Open Space Purposes

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

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2015 BILL LIST

Motion by Councilman Gray 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					

ORDINANCES – 2ND Reading/Public Hearing

- Ordinance No. 16-2015 - An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Byram to Vacate, Release and Extinguish and Public Rights as to Portions of the Street Known as Raccoon Trail, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:67-21

Be it Resolved that Ordinance entitled, “**An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Byram to Vacate, Release and Extinguish and Public Rights as to Portions of the Street Known as Raccoon Trail, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:67-21**” be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon. Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash. Motion by Councilman Gray, second by Councilman Olson to open to the public. No comments were made. Motion by Councilman Gray, second by Councilwoman Kash to close to the public. All in favor.

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

Be it Resolved that said Ordinance is passed on final reading and that a notice of final passage be published in the official designated newspaper according to the law.

- Ordinance No. 17-2015 - An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Byram to Vacate, Release and Extinguish and Public Rights as to Portions of the Street Known as Cove Drive Also Known as Cove Road, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:67-21

Be it Resolved that Ordinance entitled, “**An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Byram to Vacate, Release and Extinguish and Public Rights as to Portions of the Street Known as Cove Drive a/k/a/ Cove Road, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:67-21**” be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon. Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay. Motion by Councilman Gray, second by Councilwoman Kash to open to the public. No comments were made. Motion by Councilman Gray, second by Councilwoman Raffay to close to the public. All in favor.

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

Be it Resolved that said Ordinance is passed on final reading and that a notice of final passage be published in the official designated newspaper according to the law.

Ordinance No. 18-2015 - An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 240 of the Byram Township Code Entitled “Zoning” to Modify the Village Business Mixed Use District (VB)

Be it Resolved that Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 240 of the Byram Township Code Entitled “Zoning” to Modify the Village Business Mixed Use District (VB)” be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon. Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash. Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash to open to the public. No comments were made. Motion by Councilman Gray, second by Councilwoman Kash to close to the public. All in favor.

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

Be it Resolved that said Ordinance is passed on final reading and that a notice of final passage be published in the official designated newspaper according to the law.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION –Honorarium Policy

Mayor Oscovitch prepared guidelines for proclamations and letter of honor, which was shared with the members. The Council discussed it and liked the format, and noted that it was good to have a process that would be put in place to honor someone or an event. The Council discussed possibly having an area at COJohnson for planting trees in an area for honoring people but more discussion needs to happen on this topic. They also discussed how the Mayor and Council can reserve the right to decide on a case by case basis.

The Council discussed a few revisions to the guidelines presented by the Mayor Jim will revise the guidelines, and Scott offered to look into what other towns are doing.

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

Skip Danielson, 18 Hunters Lane, reported that the new Veteran’s Cemetery is going to be dedicated next to Sussex Votech’s soccer field on 11/15. He attended the Sussex County Veterans Day parade on 11/1. It was a wonderful parade and great recognition for all of our Veterans. There is a banner that is going around the county with all the names of people that lost their lives in the Vietnam War. Five Byram residents lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

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

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay, 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:

Attorney Client Privileged Communication

- General
- Cheyenne Corp.

Personnel

- Vehicle Use Policy

Contract Negotiations

- PBA
- Verizon 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 November 2, 2015.

Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay to return to open session at 9:31 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Councilman Olson, second by Councilman Gray, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m. Motion carried.

Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

James Oscovitch, Mayor