

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING - DECEMBER 20, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor James 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, here; Councilman Gray, late (7:02); 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

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
- b. Contract Negotiations
 - Health Benefits Consultant
 - CAD
- c. Personnel
 - Council Liaisons

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 December 20, 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	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

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

TOWNSHIP MANAGER/COUNCIL REPORTS

Township Manager

Reorganization Meeting:

- The Township’s reorganization meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 starting with executive session at 7:00 and regular session starting at 7:30.

Tour of Hardyston Municipal Building: Toured the building with Scott Olson and Doris Flynn. We will put together some notes and pictures. We received DRAFT floor plan options for our complex from Architect Tom Kosten. We will meet with the Council Subcommittee to review and provide comment.

Monday, December 12 – Open Space Meeting:

- The Committee identified Saturday, May 13 for the Opening of Tamarack Park and Trail Celebration, with a rain date of Saturday, May 20. The Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Commission will work on this collaboratively.

Tuesday, December 13 – 7:00 – Township OEM Meeting:

- Attended the meeting of the Emergency Management Council on Dec 13th at 7:00pm.

Wednesday, December 14 – Attended the Recreation Meeting

Replacement of Sussex County Bridge C-17: We received a notice stating the bridge is scheduled for completion in August 2017.

Councilman Olson

- 12/9 – met with Tammy Horsfield, John Drake, Joe and Doris regarding Economic Development in Byram. Tammy had some good ideas and offered to make contact with business owners when we were ready to get the Economic Development Committee started. She also said that they will come to a Council meeting and give a presentation showing how they can assist Byram.
- 12/20 – Toured the Hardyston municipal building with Doris and Joe. It's very obvious that we definitely need to do something in Byram. We have learned that what we originally proposed wasn't too bad, but now we are working on refining the plan and coming up with areas that we can

Councilwoman Raffay - Planning Board meets on January 5, 2017. It is their reorganization meeting, and CVS will be continuing their application. Marie stated that she will not be at the Council reorganization meeting because she will be on vacation. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman David Gray – David met with the Mayor of Franklin Borough and they discussed Franklin's redevelopment plan in the business zone. David noted that Hopatcong also has a redevelopment zone. He would like Byram to look into this. He also mentioned that videotaping meetings may be something the Township would want to consider in the future.

Mayor Oscovitch – Larry Gerkowitz, who was a long time fire department member, passed away, and the Mayor asked that we keep his family in our thoughts and prayers. Jim also noted that Steve Iannotta, Walkhill Valley High School coach and teacher suddenly passed away at age 46. He was a Lenape Valley alumni.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I

Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilman Gray to open to the public. All members in favor. Motion carried. Skip Danielson, 18 Hunters Lane, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Ali Griffith, 22 Old Stage Coach Road, stated that she was glad to see that the Township has been visiting other municipalities to look at municipal buildings. She has been doing research on building costs. Scott stated that the Council has been working with the architect and department heads to refine the plan, and informed Ali that they will do a better job of educating the public on the plan, costs, and funding. He thanked Ali for her input and involvement. Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay to close to the public. All members in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 6, 2016 – Regular Minutes - Motion by Councilman Gray, 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	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

- December 6, 2016 - Executive Meeting Minutes – Motion by Councilman Gray, 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	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 Councilwoman Kash, to approve the consent agenda.

- Resolution No. 206-2016 – Resolution to Transfer 2016 Budget Appropriations – Current Fund
- Resolution No. 207-2016 – Annual Notice of the Calendar Dates of the Scheduled 2017 Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meetings of the Byram Township Council from 1/1/17-12/31/17
- Resolution No. 208-2016 – Authorization to Amend Township’s Flexible Spending Account to Increase the Annual Maximum Contribution amount Allowable
- Resolution No. 209-2016 – Resolution for Removal of Deer Carcass from Byram Township Municipal Roadways
- Resolution No. 210-2016 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey – “Authorizing Taxes be Remitted (Cancelled) for 2016 – Block 283, Lot 240 – Crescent Drive North
- Resolution No. 211-2016 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey – “Authorizing a Refund for Duplicate Payment 4th Quarter 2016” – Block 345 Lot 3.06 – 278 Lackawanna Drive
- Resolution No. 212-2016 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey – “Authorizing a Refund for Duplicate Payment 4th Quarter 2016 – Block 277 Lot 583.02 – 29 Old Stage Coach Road
- Resolution No. 213-2016 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey – “Authorizing a Refund for Duplicate Payment 4th Quarter 2016 – Block 403 Lot 58 – 59 Sleepy Hollow Road
- Resolution No. 214-2016 – 2017 Parks and Recreation Fee Structure for Winter Programs
- Resolution No. 215-2016 – Resolution to Cancel Unexpended Balances
- Resolution No. 216-2016- Cancellation of Grant Receivable and Reserve – 2013 Not Let Loss Tree

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

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

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

ORDINANCE – 2st READING / ADOPTION

Ordinance 35-2016 - Be it resolved that ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend the Appendix A; Fee Schedule, to the Code of Byram Township” be read by title on second reading and a hearing held there thereon. Motion by Councilman Gray, second by Councilman Olson to adopt the ordinance. Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash to open to the public for comments.

Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash to close to the public.

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

Be It Resolved that Ordinance 35-2016 is passed on final reading and that a notice of final passage be published in the official designated newspaper according to law.

Ordinance 36-2016 - Be it resolved that ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 133 Fire Prevention of the Township of Byram Code” be read by title on second reading and a hearing held there thereon. Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash to adopt the ordinance. Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Kash to open to the public for comments. No comments were made. Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilwoman Raffay to close to the public. Scott Olson stated that it is a good to see that we have another shared service added to our list of shared services in Byram Township.

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

Be It Resolved that Ordinance 36-2016 is passed on final reading and that a notice of final passage be published in the official designated newspaper according to law.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II

Motion by Councilman Olson, second by Councilman Gray to open to the public. All members in favor. Motion carried. There were no comments. 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 Kash and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

James Oscovitch, Mayor