

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 2023
EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION - 7:30 P.M.**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER –Mayor Rubenstein called the meeting to order.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Both adequate and electronic notice of the meeting has been provided, specifying the time, place. In addition, a copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk, posted on the main door, the bulletin board of the Municipal Building, on the Township website at: https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town_hall/township_council, and has been forwarded to those persons requesting notice.

ROLL CALL OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – Councilman Bonker, here; Councilwoman Franco, here; Councilman Gallagher, here; Councilman Roseff, here; Mayor Rubenstein, here. Also present was Township Manager Joseph Sabatini, Attorney Tom Collins and Township Clerk, Cynthia Church

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilwoman Franco, 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.

- a) Attorney Client Privilege Communication
 - General
- b) Contracts
 - Netcong Construction Agreement

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:

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 2, 2023.

Cynthia Church, Municipal Clerk

	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2nd		x			
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilwoman Franco to return to open session at 7:34 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion Carried.

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Councilman Gallagher, second by Councilwoman Franco to approve the agenda.

	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion			x		
2nd		x			
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

Swearing in of Chloe Rudloff as a new member of the Byram Township Volunteer Fire Department
Chloe Rudloff was sworn in by Mayor Rubenstein with her father Todd Rudloff holding the bible.

PROCLAMATIONS:

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 15, 2023

Motion by Councilwoman Franco, Second by Councilman Gallagher to sign the proclamation.

	Councilman Bonk-er	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion		x			
2 nd			x		
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

MUNICIPAL CLERKS’ WEEK – APRIL 30 – MAY 6, 2023

Motion by Councilwoman Franco, Second by Councilman Gallagher to sign the proclamation.

	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion		x			
2 nd			x		
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

TOWNSHIP MANAGER, MAYOR, AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Township Manager – The presentation of the Audit and some capital awards will be on the agenda for May 16, 2023, along with authorizing the Nader and MJA awards. Congressman Tom Keans office will be at the Byram Township Municipal Building on May 15th from 9 a.m.-12 noon to offer Mobil office hours to help address issue residents may have at the federal level. Submitted the Stormwater Grant application for \$25,000. Will be working on a plan of action to complete to comply with the new Tier A requirements.

Mayor Rubenstein – On April 22nd was the Opening day for Baseball and Softball. It was a fantastic day.

Councilman Bonker – Nothing to Report.

Councilwoman Franco – At the last Planning Board meeting they approved a private application and the McDonalds Drive through to make it a double lane. Opening Day event was a great day.

Councilman Gallagher – Opening Day was a great day for the softball and baseball families. April 24th was a Byram Day meeting and was very productive, April the 26th was a Board of Education meeting in which they spoke about the 5 year financial plan, the 7th & 8th grade dance and approved the class trips. There was a fire department meeting where they spoke about the Memorial Day Parade.

Councilman Roseff - Historical Society announced that Wild West City is embracing he 225th anniversary where Byram Residents can go for free on Wednesdays during the month of July. On Saturday July 15th, there will be a fund raising event at Wild West City where all admissions will go to Lakeland Emergency Squad

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I

Motion by Councilman Bonker, Second by Councilwoman Franco to open to the public.

No Comments.

Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilwoman Franco to close to the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 18, 2023 Regular & Closed Session Minutes – Motion by Councilwoman Franco, seconded by Councilman Gallagher to approve the minutes.

	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion		x			
2 nd			x		
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

CONSENT AGENDA – All are considered to be routine by the Members of the Township Council and will be enacted on by one motion. Motion by Councilman Bonker, Second by Councilwoman Franco to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Resolution No. 088-2023 – Form 1B – DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant; \$1,956.00
- B. Resolution No. 089-2023 – Authorizing the Public Display of Fireworks at Byram Fest September 9, 2023, or Subsequent Date in the Event of Postponement

- C. Resolution No. 090-2023 – Resolution of Acceptance of Donation from Zachary Kovach, Boy Scout Troop 276 to the Township of Byram to Build a Trail Head Kiosk at Tamarack Trail
- D. Resolution No. 091-2023 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Treatment Works Approval Permit Application for 15 Division Lane

	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2nd		x			
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

BILL LIST – May 2, 2023 – Motion by Councilman Gallagher, second by Councilwoman Franco to approve the bill list.

	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion			x		
2nd		x			
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

CO Johnson Park Improvements – Mr. Sabatini had a few meetings with Dennis from French & Parello about the conversation that took place at the April 4th council meeting. The Township Council needs to get an updated proposal from French & Parello in preparation of submittal to the DEP. This would be with the inclusion of the pad site for the potential future location of a concession stand. F&P did not feel that if it was bid independently that we would require permits to relocate the retention basin but feels that the DEP may bring that into the application process. There has been a lot of discussion about scope and what should and should not be included in the project. This does not preclude the council from having discussions about other improvements. Mr. Sabatini recommended approval from the council to allow him to move forward with the updated proposal and to ask French & Parello to also include additional items that he had outlined. Councilman Gallagher said that this should not be any cost to the township on the design. Councilman Roseff asked if this plan will be highly detailed, and what will be used moving forward to get approval from the DEP. Mr. Sabatini said that it would. Councilman Bonker said this plan will focus on the things that are just needed for DEP approval, it does not affect any other work that would not need approval. The council authorized Mr. Sabatini to move forward with obtaining the updated proposal. Mayor Rubenstein would like to get the Township Engineer involved with looking into improvements to the Basketball Court. Mr. Sabatini will reach out to Mr. Stoner.

Lead Base Paint Ordinance – This is a NJ Public Law pertaining to rented residential dwellings. It will be required to get a lead base paint certification that will need to be renewed every three years. It needs to be either a swipe or a visual. Mr. Collins prepared a draft ordinance for introduction at the next council meeting. It is recommended to leave the responsibility on the property owner to obtain the inspection on their own. The township will need to keep track of the inspections and will need to register the rental with the Municipal Clerks office. Any rented residential properties built after 1978 are exempt under state statute. The certification is good for two years and then three years thereafter. Letters will be going out to anyone with a home built prior to 1978 regardless of if they have rented previously. The majority of the council are favorable on putting the Ordinance on the May 16th meeting for introduction.

Municipal Building – Mr. Sabatini reported that the township received updated layouts for both the Police and Administrative buildings from the Nader Group as it relates to the new UCC code. It was reviewed by Mr. Sabatini and Chief Burke and both find it to be an operationally better layout.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II

Motion by Councilman Bonker, Second by Councilwoman Franco to open to the public.

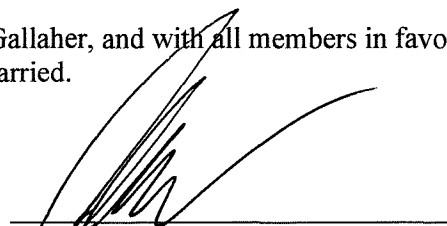
No Comments.

Motion by Councilman Bonker, Second by Councilwoman Franco to close to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Gallagher, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion carried.


 Cynthia Church, RMC
 Township Clerk


 Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor