

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 17, 2022
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 Law. 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.byrampwp.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 Municipal 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
 - Engineer Appointment – Park Improvements
 - Mansfield Bike Path
- b. Contract Negotiations
 - Solid Waste Recycling Contract
- c. Personnel
 - Staffing

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 17, 2022.

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 7:30 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion Carried.

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Gallagher, with the removal of #8 – appointment of police officer.

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

BYRAM TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY 225TH LOGO AWARD – Councilman Roseff along with Frank Gonzalez presented awards to two recipients, Sophia Atecio & Barbara Delaney. Both recipients received \$225.00.

EAGLE SCOUT PROCLAMATIONS – Gregory Vance Poff & Ian Hoang O’Connell
Motion by Councilman Bonker, Second by Councilwoman Franco to sign the proclamations

	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 Joint Council / Municipal Building Subcommittee meeting with not occur on May 24th as originally targeted. The final draft of the site plan and construction documents are available on the Township website. The updated estimate will be available June 10th and posted on the website. Targeting to schedule a meeting with the subcommittee on June 28th. Mr. Sabatini met with representatives of the Lenape Valley girls and boys softball / baseball program on May 11th to address the concept ideas of the dug outs at Neil Gylling Park. Mr. Sabatini will do some site visits and will get back to the Township Council with more information. Movies in the Park will be on May 20th at Tamarack Park at 8pm, The Memorial Day parade is May 30th. Town Wide Garage Sale will be the first week of June, Ms. Byram is on will be the second weekend in June and the Kids Tri Harder Triathlon on will be held on June 18th.

Mayor Rubenstein – On May the 4th the Mayor took part in a Stormwaters Grant info session, there is a lot of for stormwater however, learned that the grant is not eligible to any drainage basin that would drain into a private lake. May 16th the Mayor and Mr. Sabatini met with New Jersey Natural Gas in which they anticipate all the work to be done by Spring of 2024. Today, May 17th, the Mayor, Joe, Cindy and Catherine attended the Senior of Year Award Event.

Councilman Bonker – There was an Open Space meeting on May 9th that he was not able to attend. The Trails Master Plan as found in the Open Space and Recreation Plan was reviewed to determine which trails and grants, they want to target going forward. They also subsequently received an extensive price estimate for lighting each of the fields at CO Johnson Park. As they construct the long-term plans for CO, in conjunction with the Dog Park development, they will need this additional financial information about the price of lighting in order to make decisions about all of the options and trade-offs involved. They also need to focus on choosing the engineering firm to implement the plan.

Councilman Bonker read aloud the following statement:

Back on April 5th I mentioned that my daughter Elizabeth was going to graduate as the Valedictorian of Rollins College and that she would give the valedictory speech using a text to speech computer program because of her non-speaking autism. Her speech was covered by ABC, CBS, NBC, NPR, USA Today, MSNBC, Good Morning America, People, CNN, Yahoo, Newsweek, and dozens of regional broadcasters. It has been posted, tweeted, Instagramed, LinkedIn, and shared around the world, in English, Spanish, Polish, French, Vietnamese, and more. I want to thank everyone for the overwhelming support elicited by her speech, for the acknowledgement of her accomplishments, and in particular I want to say thank you to everyone in Byram Township for helping to make her story possible.

Councilwoman Franco – Attended the Planning Board Meeting on May 5th two applications were heard.

Councilman Gallagher – A couple firefighters that did some training at the Sussex County Academy. There was a Recreation Committee meeting on May 16th. Councilman Gallagher forwarded the council, Joe and Cindy an email with notes and questions from the Recreation Committee.

Councilman Roseff – the Environmental Commission meet last week with Princeton Hydro regarding the Lake Management Study.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I

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

No Comments.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 3, 2022 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 Gallagher, Second by Councilwoman Franco to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Resolution No. 115-2022 – Resolution Authorizing 100% Disabled Veteran Exempt Status to Owner of Block 335, Lot 1.05 Refund of Taxes Paid for 2nd Quarter – Block 335 Lot 1.05, 4 Andover Mohawk Rd.
- B. Resolution No. 116-2022 – Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder – Block 154 Lot 235, 4 High-To-Ga Trail
- C. Resolution No. 117-2022 – Authorization to Purchase Firefighter Protective Clothing and Equipment under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for Budget Year 2022
- D. Resolution No. 118-2022 – Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder – Block 164 Lot 19, 19 Meteor Trail
- E. Resolution No. 119-2022 – Chapter 159 – 2022 Recycling Grant \$14,753.82
- F. Resolution No. 120-2022 - Resolution Extending Expiration Date Previously Specified in Resolution 196-2020 that Approved a Temporary Special Use Permit to Salt Gastropub for Relief from Township Ordinances due to Limitations on Business Operations During the Covid-19 Pandemic from January 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022 with the Addition of Limited Food Truck and Craft Sales Within the Outdoor Dining Area
- G. Resolution No. 121-2022 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Developer’s Agreement between the Township of Byram and 16 Route 206 Stanhope NJ, LLC (Skylands Surgery Center)
- H. Resolution No. 122-2022 – Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services Contract Licensed Site Remediation Professional – Not to Exceed \$7,550.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 123-2022 - A Resolution Requesting the New Jersey Department of Transportation to Expedite and Prioritize the Improvements of Safety Conditions at the Dangerous intersection of State Highway 206 and North Shore Road before a Death Occurs

Motion by Councilman Gallagher, Second by Councilwoman Franco to approve Resolution No. 123-2022

	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 17, 2022 – Motion by Councilman Gallagher, second by Councilwoman Franco to approve the bill list as presented.

	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

Third Party Consultant – Fire Truck – Mr. Sabatini provided Mayor Rubenstein with a file from 2017 where the council at that time contemplated the same study. He has a copy of the RFP and the responses. Two businesses responded at that time. Mayor Rubenstein reached back out to them in addition to one other. All three have provided the Mayor with an introductory letter. The council needs to decide on how to proceed. Mayor Rubenstein will send the email with the letters to the council so it can be discussed at the next meeting.

NJDOT Route 206 Over Pequest Project – Mr. Sabatini received an email that was sent out requesting a resolution of support.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS -

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II

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

Todd Rudloff – 9 Whitehall Hill Road – had a concern on the Salt resolution and said that food truck vendors need to be inspected every time at every event by a fire official.

Motion by Councilman Bonker, Second by Councilwoman Franco Motion to Close to public.

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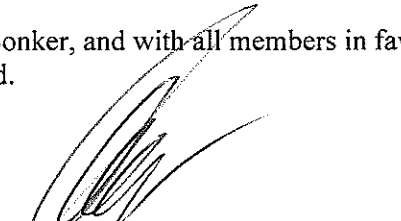
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No					
Abstain					
Absent					

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilwoman Franco to return to open session at 7:32 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Bonker, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion carried.


 Cynthia Church, RMC
 Township Clerk


 Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor