

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 2, 2024
TRAINING 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.byrampwp.org/index.php/town_hall/township_council, and has been forwarded to those persons requesting notice.

ROLL CALL OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL –Councilwoman Franco, here; Councilman Gallagher, here; Councilman Proctor, 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 Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor, 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.

- Attorney Client Privilege Communication
 - General
 - Chapter 48

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 July 2, 2024.

Cynthia Church, Municipal Clerk

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor 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 Proctor to approve the agenda. With consideration of a discussion of a logo for the Environmental Commission.

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

This year will be the 50th Anniversary for the Environmental Commission and they have selected a logo to use for activities and to put on a water bottle. The logo is a salamander because it represents both water and land in Byram Township.

Motion by Councilman Roseff, seconded by Councilman Proctor to approve the use of the logo.

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

TOWNSHIP MANAGER, MAYOR, AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Township Manager – at the next meeting the council will be awarding a bid for DPW Storage leaf and brush facility. Mr. Sabatini received and update from Cory on the tennis courts bid. They will be looking to award the bid at the August 13th meeting. Cory Stoner will attend the next meeting to discuss the flood damage retention ordinance that will replace the existing ordinance. The 2025 Budget process has begun with the department heads. There will be a discussion added to the August 13th meeting to discuss goals and objectives. Expecting an update for the July 16th meeting on the final design of Field 8 drainage improvements.

Mayor Rubenstein – Last week Mayor Rubenstein and Phil Crosson met with the Andover Municipal Court, there will be further discussion in executive session later tonight. Mayor Rubenstein and Councilman Roseff sat in on a Sound Ordinance discussion with the county that will also be discussed further in executive session tonight. Thanks to Mr. Sabatini they got New Jersey Transit to fix the Mansfield Bike Trail.

Councilwoman Franco –

- The Kids Triathlon will be Saturday July 13 at Lackawanna Beach- 8am is check in, race begins at 8:30am
- Yoga in the Park- July 20th at 8am - Neil Gylling Park
- Summer concert Saturday July 20 behind the school 6:00pm-7:30pm
- Movie in the Park – “Minions the Rise of Gru”- Saturday August 17th at 8:30 pm at CO Johnson Field- free popcorn for all
- Monster Jam tickets are still available for sale- August 3rd at the Prudential Center- \$33 per ticket low level seating.
- Byram Fest- August 24th- 4pm-9pm at CO Johnson Field
- Free Byram Day at Wild West City- Wednesday July 17th. Recreation will be there to promote all recreation programs and events.
- Recreation Department sent out a survey that they have received 216 responses. This will help in shaping the fall/winter catalog.
- Flyers are located on the table for you to take.
- There are open seats on the Recreation Committee. One full seat and two alternate seats.
- Accepted invitation to the Mayoral address with Congressmen Kean.

Councilman Gallagher – The Board of Education meeting was held last night, and they passed the increase to the budget.

Councilman Proctor – Two applications were heard at the Planning Board meeting including the change to outside dining at the new restaurant on Tamarack Road. They had a soft opening on Wednesday.

Councilman Roseff – The Environmental Commission has two open seats. The Historical Society held their Canal Day last Saturday and had about 500 attendees. There will be another spirit of Byram social event to be further announced.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I

Motion by Councilwoman Franco second by Councilman Proctor to open to the public. All members were in favor.

Andrew Schwarts – asked if there is any status on the nuisance code. Mayor Rubenstein gave an update on the process of getting similar ordinances for other towns. It is still being investigated.

Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to close to the public. All members were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 18, 2024, Regular & Closed Session Meeting Minutes - Motion by Councilwoman Franco, seconded by Councilman Proctor to approve the minutes.

	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Proctor	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2nd			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. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a citizen or Council member 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 Gallagher, second by Councilman Proctor to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- Resolution No. 130-2024 – Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Liquor License to 263 Route 206 Holdings LLC Valid from 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025
- Resolution No. 131-2024 – Approval to Submit a Grant Application and execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Roseville Road Improvement Project.

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

BILL LIST – July 2, 2024 – Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor to approve the bill list.

	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Proctor	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2nd			x		
Yes	x	x	x	x	Recuse from PO # 28983
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

ORDINANCE – 2nd Reading / Public Hearing

- **ORDINANCE 012-2024 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM AUTHORIZING THE ENFORCEMENT OF SUBTITLE 1, TITLE 39 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO BE APPLIED TO THE PROPERTY OWNED BY BYRAM 206 DEVELOPERS, LLC, FOR A WAWA FOOD MARKET AND FUELING STATION, LOCATED AT 75 ROUTE 206, BLOCK 34, LOTS 14 AND 15, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 012-2024 is passed on final reading and that a notice of final passage be published in the official designated newspaper according to the law.

ORDINANCE – 1st Reading / Introduction

- **AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM ADOPTING THE MODEL NOISE ORDINANCE OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (“NJDEP”) AND REPLACING THE EXISTING CODE CHAPTER 171 ENTITLED “NOISE”**

Purpose Statement: The purpose of this ordinance is to repeal the existing noise control ordinance in Code Section 171 and replace it with the current model noise ordinance of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that said Ordinance shall be further considered for final passage at the meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Byram on July 16, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 10 Mansfield Drive, Byram Township, at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Elizabethtown Gas will begin sending out surveys to residents on Little Paint Way, Johnson and Pierson Drive.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II

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

No Comments.

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

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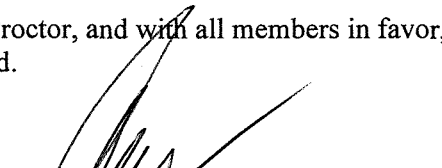
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Abstain					
Absent					

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ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Proctor, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion carried.


 Cynthia Church, RMC
 Township Clerk


 Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor