

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 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) Contract Negotiations
Shared Services

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 August 15, 2023.

Cynthia Church, Municipal Clerk

| | Councilman Bonker | Councilwoman Franco | Councilman Gallagher | Councilman Roseff | Mayor Rubenstein |
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| 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 7:03 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion Carried.

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Councilwoman Franco second by Councilman Gallagher to approve the agenda removing W. Resolution No. 159-2023 . and swapping #10

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

TOWNSHIP MANAGER, MAYOR, AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Township Manager – The next council meeting September 5th. The Recreation Committee has been working hard planning Byram day for September 9, 2023, from 2:00pm -9:00pm. The lead paint registration process has been kicked off with letters sent and postings on the website. Byram Township was awarded a grant from the Highlands Council for \$137,790 for the design and engineering work for the improvements to CO Johnson Park. There will be a resolution of acceptance of the grant at the September 5th Township Council meeting.

Mayor Rubenstein – Nothing to Report.

Councilman Bonker – ShopRite Help Bag Hunger Day is Sunday September 10th from noon to 2:00 p.m. Last year they had a large group of volunteers from the Council, Administration, Police and Ambulance Squads, and hopefully we will have a similar turnout this year.

Four new benches around the tennis/pickleball courts at CO Johnson were installed. Is happy to see that the bid acceptance for the renovation of the basketball court at CO is on tonight’s agenda. Is happy to see this morning that the Highlands increased their grant for the CO Johnson Park renovations to the full \$137,790 which will be accepted at our next meeting.

Councilwoman Franco – August 3, 2023 was a Planning Board meeting with Venture Two LLC which was approved with modifications.

Councilman Gallagher – Board of Education meeting will be held tomorrow night. Recreation Committee meeting will be held on August 21st.

Councilman Roseff – Beefsteak will be held on September 8th. September 23rd is the Dragon Boat races at Cranberry Lake.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I

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

No Comments.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 142-2023 – Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Byram Confirming that Orchard Street is a Private Driveway and is Not a Public Street and Authorizing and Directing that the Mayor send the attached Letter to the Property Owners, confirming that the Property Owners are Responsible for Maintenance and Repair of the Private Driveway known as Orchard Street

Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilwoman Franco to Adopt Resolution No. 142-2023.

Mr. Sabatini said they have been working on several streets and roads throughout town that were not designated as roads of the township and as it pertains to maintenance and repairs of the roads. Orchard Street has come up multiple times and has come to the town’s attention due to a home that is being sold and has learned that Orchard Street is considered a private drive and has never been accepted by the Township as a street. The Township will not continue to maintain or plow the drive. A letter will go out to the three homeowners who are impacted.

Ellen Linder – Has lived there for 38 years and just learned of this recently when a resident nearby was selling their property and finds learning of this is very discerning. The road has been plowed by the Township over the years and does not want to see that taken away. Asking that the township continue to plow the drive.

Jill Fossum – Owner of the property that the driveway runs through. The home has been in her family for 50 years prior to her purchasing the home. This subject has been brought up many times previously and the township has never wanted to address that the road was in fact a private drive. Wanted to know why it took the township so long to resolve it.

Mayor Rubenstein and the Township Attorney explained the reasons for this resolution coming about. The road was previously plowed out of courtesy. The township does not have the financial resources to plow private driveways.

Jill Fossum – Feels that the lack of plowing will cause hardship. Does not want the sign to be removed, but rather would like it to be moved to her side of the road.

Jacqueline Richards – Asked what prompted the investigation of the private roads in the township. Mayor Rubenstein said that each situation is unique and has different reasons attached to it. Asked if it would be possible to assist Jill with the 85 feet that she needs plowed should there be a medical emergency. Mayor Rubenstein said it would be treated as her own driveway. Mr. Sabatini stated that in the event of a medical emergency there is always a way to provide emergency plowing in those instances.

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| Yes | x | x | x | x | x |
| No | | | | | |
| Abstain | | | | | |
| Absent | | | | | |

ORDINANCE – 2nd Reading / Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 015-2023 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$9,700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$9,150,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Bonker to Adopt Ordinance 015-2023.

Mark Alpaugh from MJA was present and spoke on behalf of the estimate that he had provided. The cost is significantly higher than it was when it first started. Costs of construction have increased significantly since they began. Mr. Alpaugh said he estimates on the average and usually is in the middle ground where the bids are expected to come in at. \$8.2 million dollars is expected to come in on bid day. The amount of escalation expected to continue would be less than it has been in the last few years. The architect’s number is higher than his estimate by a slight difference. There are prevailing wage rates incorporated in the estimate as it is a public project. If they project this out years later that number will just increase.

Mayor Rubenstein said that there was an estimate provided to the council September 17, 20201 for a total of \$5.52 million. The biggest difference in increase was HVAC of about a \$700,000 increase. There was also a large increase in plumbing and demolition costs as well.

Mr. Alpaugh provided an explanation for the increase in pricing as some of the areas such as HVAC and plumbing have gotten more sophisticated and fixtures pricing has increased significantly. The price of steel has doubled and union rates have increased.

Mr. Alpaugh said that his estimate is a safe number.

Councilman Bonker said that Marks estimate is not based the lowest bids yet on the middle ground, or average bid. The actual bid should come in below the average. The current best guess of the actual construction bid that is likely to be received should be about \$8.2 million. The cost could be expected to increase by another 6% on top of that should there be more delays. There are no savings in delaying. Both MGL and Nader estimates are very close. The cost increase based on code changes are not optional and are driven by codes that must be followed.

Councilman Roseff stated that the building space is less square footage from the quote a year ago.

Councilman Gallagher said that construction costs are starting to come down from where they were before.

Councilman Roseff was surprised to see a huge jump in the numbers from a year ago. It is about a 50% to 60% increase.

Mr. Alpaugh said that the HVAC, electrical system, and changes in codes caused the increase, yet the scope is the same.

Councilwoman Franco read aloud the following statement:

In September 2015, (8 years ago next month), FKA Architects conducted a Building Assessment of our current Municipal Building in Byram. Some of the details of their Assessment are as follows:

The Lower Building (the section that the Council Meetings are held, and the Tax Offices are located) was the original building on the site and was constructed in 1971 (52 years ago). This is a one-story building with masonry façade and is wood framed with a flat roof construction. The useful life expectancy for a building of traditional construction is 50 years. We have already met this life expectancy.

The Upper Building is constructed of 12 modular temporary trailers that are connected together and were assembled on site in approximately 1975. A false façade and roof truss canopy system was constructed around these units in 1991 (32 years ago now) to disguise the appearance of modular units. The useful life expectancy of modular units is from 8-10 years. As of the Assessment, it was noted that “the assembly of modular units is well beyond its useful life expectancy”. It was also noted that “Trying to upgrade outdated modular units is extremely problematic and typically an inefficient use of funds. Even replacing finishes within a modular unit is ill-advised because the ceiling framing system interior partition framing and subflooring/framing may be in poor condition and need replacing prior to upgrading the finishes.

Following this Assessment, the Township of Byram took steps to replace the existing structure and trailers.

The first attempt was a new building with a bond ordinance of \$11.5 million. There was a petition to stop this attempt and the ordinance was stopped.

The second attempt was a new building with a bond ordinance of \$7.5 million. Again, there was a petition to stop this attempt and the ordinance was stopped.

With the new Township Council elected in 2017, starting their terms in 2018 (two members of that Council are members of our current Council), there was a call to the public for interested parties to create a Building Sub-Committee and research the steps to take for a new Municipal Building.

I volunteered to be a member of the Building Sub-committee as this was a project that I could contribute my input and help my community.

One of the first things we did as the Building Sub-Committee was to take a tour of the current structure. That was an eye-opener! What a disgrace our "Municipal Building" was AT THAT TIME! Our municipal complex (and more importantly, our Police Structure) is inspected annually, and FAILS EVERY TIME! The conditions that our Police and Administrative Staff work in every day was quite alarming.

I was a member of the Sub-Committee and, together with John Morytko, wrote the report to be presented to the Township Council in 2019. The Building Sub-Committee voted that John Morytko and I should be named Co-Chairs of the Sub-Committee and make the presentation to the Township Council.

I believed in the work performed and the report we compiled and made the decision to run for Township Council so I can bring this plan to the finish line. Here we are, 4 years after I made that presentation to the previous Council and we are introducing an Ordinance for funding to build a new Police Building and a separate new Administration Building. This was the determination of the Building Subcommittee to keep costs low, so the Administration Building did not have to be built to the Code specifications of the Police Building.

After the report was made to the previous Township Council, there was a very memorable Township Council Meeting. The anticipation of the audience for this meeting necessitated the Meeting being moved to the Intermediate School's All-Purpose Room. Apparently, the previous Township Council was entertaining a Study to Merge the Andover Township and Byram Township Police Departments! There were a lot of taxpayers outraged – myself included! I sat in the front row, next to Skip Danielson and watched and listened to the very vocal public. Anticipating a run for election to be a member of this Township Council, I elected not to speak that night. However, I made a promise to myself to work as hard as I could to get this new building to the finish line – to make certain that our Police Department will remain in Byram Township. I would love to hear that passion from our public in favor of our Police and Administration. This is your opportunity to vote on the Municipal Project – Yes or No. To deny you that opportunity is equivalent to telling you that your voice doesn't matter!

Throughout this endeavor, we have strived to keep costs low – including such plans to stagger the construction to reduce spending for temporary trailers; to build for the current needs; to maximize space usage for storage.

Two weeks ago, we had a Special Meeting for the 1st reading of the Bond Ordinance for this project. We recognized that our Municipality received approximately \$833,000 from the federal government following the COVID Pandemic. The only restriction on spending these funds is that it cannot be used for debt. Two members of our Council – Councilman Bonker and myself – felt strongly that these funds should be used to offset the Bond Ordinance, as this would provide relief to all our taxpayers and lower the burden of this project. Two other members of our Council – Councilmen Gallagher and Roseff – felt that none of these funds should offset the Bond Ordinance. Mayor Rubenstein took the position that only a portion (50%) of these funds should offset the Bond Ordinance. In the end, I felt that I would agree to not offset the Bond Ordinance with these funds, but that does not mean that I feel these funds should not be used to offset the costs of this project.

In the course of preparing the plans for this project, our nation has been through a pandemic, there are now supply chain issues, building supply costs escalation, and changes to building standards for public buildings that we needed to amend the construction plans. For instance, one of the latest changes involves ADA compliance (turning radiuses in hallways and bathroom stalls needed to be amended from wheelchair size to motorized scooter size). These have added to the cost of this project.

If we delay this project further, the cost of the Municipal Building and Policy Building will continue to escalate. The time is now for this project to be completed. Since 2015, the "repairs" that have been made to the structure have been "band aids" on a crumbling structure, intentionally made as a temporary measure as we should not be wasting taxpayer funds to repair a structure that we are planning to demolish. The useful life expectancy of the trailers, as well as the roof truss structure have long expired.

We have a roof that is leaking and needs repair; we have mold and mildew damage that affects the people who work for our Township daily; we have storage containers that have rusted and are leaking, necessitating that the records stored therein be moved to a hallway of the complex; we have no heat in the public bathrooms, and they are not ADA compliant. This complex should reflect the pride we have in our community – this is the heart of our township – everything done for Byram starts and ends with this location.

We need to get this project to the finish line. The next step is approving this Bond Ordinance. I am in favor of this Ordinance and will be voting yes. To be clear, a negative vote today would be to deny the public a chance to vote on this project.

Councilman Bonker read aloud the following statement:

This vote tonight continues a 10-year process, with half a million dollars already spent, to renovate the municipal building. For the first time in 10 years, we now have in hand biddable construction documents and specifications, which is a significant milestone. This vote tonight is only a bond ordinance, it is not the acceptance of any bid. It follows the recommendations of our own municipal building citizens committee which unanimously recommended rebuilding the current building at its current location, and furthermore said that doing nothing was not an option.

This has been the most transparent municipal building process ever.

Renovating the building will never get cheaper. Just like the old commercial for FRAM oil filters used to say, "You can pay me now, or you can pay me later." If the first referendum had not stopped the original plans years ago, it would have already been built and at much less cost than now.

Labor, in particular prevailing wage labor, will NEVER go down in price. Our own expert professional estimator wrote to us that we should expect another 4% to 6% increase next year.

We have a police department, a DPW department, and the administrative staff, including construction and finance. None of those departments are going away. We went through a process exactly 4 years ago where a previous Council contemplated outsourcing the police. We did not do that. As a result, we need to house our police department for many decades to come. They are working

in 50-year-old trailers. It is NOT cost effective to repair those 50-year-old trailers. We need to build a modern police building. We also need to build a new administrative building, because repairing this old structure will be nothing more than putting very expensive lipstick on an ugly old pig. We designed the new building to accommodate the existing staff and nothing more. It is NOT the Taj Mahal and we did NOT get edifice complex. It is also an embarrassment that we have Council meetings here, and that public voting occurs here, and in both of those cases handicapped citizens, particularly those in wheelchairs, cannot even access our bathrooms. There is no dignity in that whatsoever. There is no dignity in telling our police officers and our administrative staff that we value their service, but they need to continue working in sub-standard conditions.

I want to specifically address the cost estimates. To be very clear, any number right now is only an estimate. At the last meeting I quoted an estimate of \$169 per year for the average Byram home. The very latest Phoenix cost estimate since that meeting was \$174 per year for the average Byram home for a \$9.15 million bond. However, that estimate assumes we take the full \$9.15 million, which I do not believe will be necessary if we have a competitive bidding process, so I believe it overstates the average cost, which I will nonetheless continue to call \$169. In addition, remember that \$169 will not hit immediately, it will take several years to ramp up. At the same time, our existing outstanding debt will all be maturing. We could, and in my opinion should, use the \$830,000 ARP money for this project as well to further reduce the price. The point is this: the impact of the municipal building bond might eventually be IN THE WORST POSSIBLE CASE \$169 per year, (depending on interest rates) but even that is NOT the same as saying that taxes will go up by \$169. Taxes will go up or down based upon many factors, not just the municipal building bond.

You cannot pick a price out of thin air and then work backwards. You establish what functions are going to be provided to Byram, you establish the staff required to deliver those functions, you design a building that houses those functions, and then you get a professional estimate of the price for that building. That is what we have done. And then you give the citizens a chance to approve it.

Finally, if not now, then when? If not us, then who? We were elected to serve the long-term interests of Byram citizens. The building will never get cheaper, and our citizens' committee recommended this course of action. It is time to move forward, and it is finally time to give our citizens a chance to vote on it. I will vote in favor of this bond ordinance tonight.

Marie Raffay – Thanked the township council for taking on such a large responsibility. The municipal building process has been going on for over 15 years. The police department is severely lacking. Feels that we should all have pride in our neighborhood and urge all to support the bond ordinance to move forward.

Jacqueline Richards – Supports the police department, would like to know when the decision was made that a municipal building was needed. Asked how many full-time employees are on staff today in the municipal building. Asked why a budget was not established.

Mayor Rubenstein, Councilman Roseff, Councilman Bonker and Councilwoman Franco all provided their insight to answer the questions asked.

Joseph Sabatini said that the township website can give a history of the process over the years.

Scott Yappen – As the subcommittee chair said there is a need for a new building but there is an issue with the management of the Nader Group. He would like the June 1, 2020, letter from the subcommittee to be added to the website and would like the Nader estimate to be published on the website. Prevailing wages are up 10% since 2021 estimate, and asked Mr. Alpaugh if he concurred. Mr. Alpaugh said it is between 3% and 4% per year. Mr. Yappen feels that the cost estimates are up about 30%. With that he is finding it hard to understand a 75% increase. He is frustrated that the Nader Group is not in attendance tonight.

Don Bogardus – Feels that Byram needs to move forward with a new municipal building. The township needs something to be proud of.

Alicia – Does not feel that a new building would serve the greater good of the community.

Scott Olson – Thinks is shameful that the town employees need to work in the conditions of the current municipal building. Encourages the council to vote yes to this ordinance and allow the people to vote on the municipal building at the November 2023 election. Urges the council to not rob the people of the opportunity to vote on this. Encourages all to have pride in our township.

Georgette Shroeder – Encourages the council to move forward before the prices go up again.

Dina Trunzo – Encourages the council to care about the employees and to vote yes on this bond ordinance.

Bryan Richards – The township needs a new building but there is an issue with the cost. The township does not need a municipal building this large. The cost needs to be cut in half.

Councilwoman Franco thanked Mr. Alpaugh for all his hard work.

Councilman Gallagher has spoken to many residents and the majority are struggling with money. He cares about the people who work in this town and wished he could give back to all. He asked his fellow council members what their top number would be when the bids come in. Both Councilwoman Franco and Councilman Bonker believe it should not go beyond \$8.5 million range. They are looking to keep the costs down. Mayor Rubenstein would not be willing to go over a bid at \$8.2 million. With a reasonable number he is willing to send this to the people to vote.

Councilman Roseff feels that the estimates are far too high.

Councilman Bonker said that the longer this is put off the higher the prices will increase. It is time to move forward.

Mayor Rubenstein read aloud the following statement:

I will be voting yes on the approval of this ordinance. But I'd like to give a little history. In late 2017, a group of petitioners (one of which is now a sitting councilperson) took to the streets to obtain signatures to force the bond ordinance to be put to public referendum - and this was the second time this occurred in just a few years.

I took office shortly thereafter, and one of my primary agenda goals was to rekindle this issue and figure out how we were going to resolve this long-standing issue of our aged municipal building. Beginning then in early 2018, a very long process of review and recalibration began. Over the last five and a half years, we have had countless meetings and discussions, with architects, engineers, and estimators. We had a building subcommittee who took a "clean slate" approach and reviewed alternatives. They reviewed the program, they asked questions. They were comprised of numerous township residents who had backgrounds ranging from finance to public service to construction. They submitted their recommendations. The plans continued to be refined and scrutinized, with every iteration posted publicly to the township website. Further input was taken from our municipal workers who would be working in and maintaining the new structure.

The point I am trying to make is, this is and has not been a rushed process. We've taken 5 years, with lengthy public discussion, to carefully get to where we are right now, tonight.

And now, tonight. We will cast our vote. But this vote is not to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder. This is not a vote to authorize the solicitation of bids. This is not even a vote to authorize the issuance of a bond. This is a vote to allow the public to express their opinion on the ballot, nearly three months from now, as to whether or not we should proceed with this project. This is EXACTLY what the petitioners in 2017 asked for - a public referendum. Because of the public's desire over the last year, we are here voluntarily putting the question out for vote. The chance and ability for every person in Byram to walk into a voting booth and give their opinion as to if this should proceed or not.

Tonight's vote is nothing more than asking the citizen's of Byram - not the council - to decide the fate of this project.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 015-2023 is passed on final reading and that a notice of final passage be published in the official designated newspaper according to the law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 18, 2023 Regular & Closed Session Minutes & August 1, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes – Motion by Councilman Gallagher, seconded by Councilman Bonker to approve the minutes.

| | Councilman Bonker | Councilwoman Franco | Councilman Gallagher | Councilman Roseff | Mayor Rubenstein |
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| 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 and pull W. Resolution No.159-2023.

- A. Resolution No. 136-2023 – Authorization to Purchase Bituminous Concrete, Aggregates & Broken Stone under the Sussex County Cooperative Pricing System for Budget Year 2023
- B. Resolution No. 137-2023 – Establishing Salaries for Non-Union Employee for Calendar Year 2023

- C. Resolution No. 138-2023 – Resolution for 100% Exempt Veteran Owner of Block 5 Lot 796 Cancellation of Taxes for the remainder of 2023 and First Half 2024 “Authorizing Taxes be Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2024 – Block 5 Lot 796 – 55 River Road
- D. Resolution No. 139-2023 – Resolution Authorizing 100% Disabled Veteran Exempt Status to Owner of Block 5, Lot 796 Refund of Taxes Paid for 3rd Quarter – Block 5 Lot 796 – 55 River Road
- E. Resolution No. 140-2023 – Resolution Authorizing Participation in an Electronic Tax Sale
- F. Resolution No. 141-2023 – Resolution Authorizing Electronic Tax Sale Notice Fees
- G. Resolution No. 143-2023 – Authorization to Purchase Vehicle under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Byram Township Department of Public Works for Budget Year 2023 – Not to Exceed \$34,174.57
- H. Resolution No. 144-2023 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between Byram Township and Andover Township for Snow Removal Services on the Forest Lakes Section of Road of Andover Township
- I. Resolution No. 145-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 20 Lot 289 – 3 Beech Street
- J. Resolution No. 146-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 20 Lot 287 – 3 Beech Street
- K. Resolution No. 147-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 16 Lot 119 – 3 Avon Street
- L. Resolution No. 148-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 13.01 Lot 399 – Belton Street
- M. Resolution No. 149-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 13 Lot 409 – Chestnut Street
- N. Resolution No. 150-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 11 Lot 206 – 53 Beech Street
- O. Resolution No. 151-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 10 Lot 450 – 59 Belton Street
- P. Resolution No. 152-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 10 Lot 445 – 63 Belton Street
- Q. Resolution No. 153-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 10 Lot 441 – 65 Belton Street
- R. Resolution No. 154-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 9 Lot 602 – 11 Union Street
- S. Resolution No. 155-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 9 Lot 587 – 17 Union Street
- T. Resolution No. 156-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 9 Lot 580 – 19 Union Street
- U. Resolution No. 157-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 8 Lot 654 – 4 Union Street
- V. Resolution No. 158-2023 – Resolution of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Authorizing Taxes Remitted (Cancelled) for 2023/2023” – Block 3 Lot 917 – Chestnut Street
- ~~W. Resolution No. 159-2023 – Resolution Authorizing the Amendment of Interlocal Agreement between Byram Township and Neteong Borough for Construction Department Services~~
- X. Resolution No. 160-2023 – Resolution to Accept the Donation of Forfeiture of One (1) 2018 White Polaris RZR 1000 Off-Road Vehicle (Vin No. 3NSVDE998JG436647) with an Estimated Value of \$15,000 to be Presented at Public Auction with Proceeds to Benefit the Byram Township Police Department
- Y. Resolution No. 161-2023 – Authorization for the Purchase and Installation of Replacement Garage Doors for the Township of Byram Department of Public Works Garage – Not to Exceed \$49,005.28
- Z. Resolution No. 162-2023 – Resolution to Award Bid for Proposed Basketball Court Rehabilitation at CO Johnson Park – Not to exceed \$73,700.00
- AA. Resolution No. 163-2023 – Resolution Authorizing Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc. to Provide Engineering Design, Bidding & Construction Inspection for Carl O. Johnson Park Basketball Court Improvements – Not to exceed \$7,000.00

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

BILL LIST – August 15, 2023 – Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilwoman Franco to approve the bill list.

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

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| Abstain | | | | | |
| Absent | | | | | |

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2024 Budget Goals and Objectives – Tabled discussion to a future meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Construction Management Services Discussion

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II

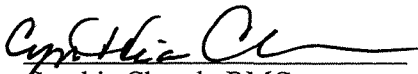
Motion by Councilman Bonker, Second by Councilwoman Franco to open to the public.

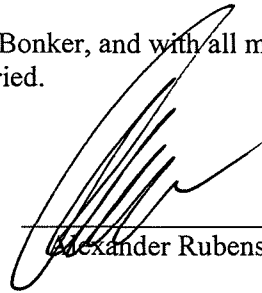
Scott Yappen – Congratulated the council on the compromise on the decision they made tonight.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Bonker, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion carried.


 Cynthia Church, RMC
 Township Clerk


 Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor