

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 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, heret; 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
 - Hopatcong ACO / Pound
 - Andover Court
 - General Liability / Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal
- c. Personnel

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 October 17, 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 7:31 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 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					

TOWNSHIP MANAGER, MAYOR, AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Township Manager – COLA is calculated at 2.5% and will be introduced at the second meeting in 2024. SCMUA rate for ID10 has increased to \$107.00 per ton. This will impact the Township by about \$35,000. The Recreation Committee meeting did a postmortem on Byram Fest 2023. They recommend moving the date of Byram Fest from September to August. They want to have food trucks and encourage nonprofits to participate. They do not want businesses to partake in the event. They are requesting the township to consider two LED signs.

Mayor Rubenstein – Attended the Hudson Farms Charity Hike. It was well attended. There will be a CAG meeting October 18, 2023 at 6:30pm. Sunday will be a joint Environmental Committee / Trails Committee trail cleanup.

Councilman Bonker - Open Space did not have an official meeting due to lack of quorum. Had a conversation about the C.O. Johnson Field House and what the project might look like. They will continue to discuss and get input from the Recreation Committee. This is the last meeting of the Township Council before the November election and encourages all voters to go out and vote, and to go out to the municipal website to get information on the municipal building referendum. Wished Joe and his daughter the best of luck at the upcoming marathon he is participating in.

Councilwoman Franco – The charity hike was nice despite the rain. The upcoming Planning Board meeting has been canceled due to lack of hearings. There will be a CAG meeting on October 18, 2023 at 6:30pm. Encourages everyone to get out to the polls and vote at the November election and to vote as an educated voter on the municipal building referendum.

Councilman Gallagher – There was a Recreation Committee on October 16, 2023. They will be getting Community Pass in the Recreation Department to make registrations easier. Many events have been planned for next year. There are open seats on the Recreation Committee if anyone is interested in joining.

Councilman Roseff – Has been traveling over the last 6 weeks across country.

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

October 3, 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
No					
Abstain				x	
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. 194-2023 – Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Interlocal Agreement Between Byram Township and Netcong Borough for Construction Department Services
- B. Resolution No. 195-2023 – Authorize Payments in Lieu of Health Benefits for Calendar Year 2024
- C. Resolution No. 197-2023 – Chapter 159 – Stormwater Assistance Grant \$10,000.00
- D. Resolution No. 198-2023 – Authorization to Purchase 5,500 Gallon Double Wall Calcium Containment Tank for the daily Operations of the Township of Byram Department of Public Works – Not to exceed \$38,093.95
- E. Resolution No. 199-2023 – Resolution Authorizing the Payout of Compensatory Time to Police Chief Kenneth Burke Prior to December 31, 2023
- F. Resolution No. 200-2023 – A Resolution of Byram Township Authorizing the Purchase of Electricity Supply Services for Public Use on an Online Auction Website
- G. Resolution No. 201-2023 – Authorization to Purchase Preventative Maintenance / Repair Services of Emergency Generators under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council for Budget Year 2023
- H. Resolution No. 202-2023 – Lenape Valley Municipal Alliance Grant - \$3,918.00
- I. Resolution No. 203-2023 – Chapter 159 – Municipal Alliance \$5,874.00
- J. Resolution No. 204-2023 – Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan

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

Abstain					
Absent					

RESOLUTION NO. 196-2023 – Resolution Authorizing Submittal of CY2023 Best Practices Inventory Certification Form

Motion By Councilman Gallagher, Seconded by Councilwoman Franco to adopt Resolution No. 196-2023

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

Mr. Sabatini explained that the Best Practices Inventory determines the State Aid payment. This is required for discussion. The Township scored 41 out of 42. Mr. Sabatini requested adopting resolution 96-2023

BILL LIST – October 17, 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

Council Roseff - requested a discussion regarding the Historical Society looking for a match to the grant.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Roseff is requesting a future discussion with Lakeland Emergency Squad to get an update. Mr. Sabatini will send them an email requesting the missing information that was requested. \$4,000 for funding will be taken out of Open Space Funds.

Tourism Marketing Grant - Mr. Roseff said that the final accounting for the expenditures for the grant will be available by the end of this year. The grant will be funded through Open Space. This will go on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Sabatini said they did not receive 50% funding from the Historical Society for the Beefsteak dinner that was promised. Mr. Roseff said that there were financial benefits that were given, and therefore it did not receive a profit. Mr. Roseff said that the Historical Society should come in and explain.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II


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

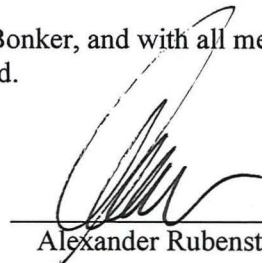
No Comments

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Bonker, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion carried.


 Cynthia Church, RMC
 Township Clerk


 Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor