

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2021
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.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 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
- b. Personnel
- c. Shared Services – ACO/Pound 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 October 19, 2021.

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 Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Bonker 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 Councilwoman Bonker, to approve the agenda.

With an amendment to remove Resolution 223-2021 from the consent agenda.

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

PROCLAMATIONS – Boy Scout Awards – Jacob Boden & Alexander McVeigh
Motion by Councilman Bonker second by Councilwoman Franco to accept the proclamations

TOWNSHIP MANAGER, MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Township Manager – Received NJDOT grant for fiscal year 2022 for upper phase of Tamarack Road in the amount of \$190,500.00. Unfortunately they did not get the NJDOT grant / green acres loan submitted for C.O. Johnson Park Improvements (phase I). The next council meeting is on Monday, November 15th.

Mayor Rubenstein – Sadly announced the passing of:
John Thomas Reinbott - aged 93. Previous committeeman and mayor in the late 1970s and early 1980s, also a 30-year veteran of the Irvington PD, retired as detective.

Janet Leale - aged 91. longtime resident, came to Byram in 1962 and lived here until 2018. She worked for the Andover Township Police Department and volunteered for Lakeland Emergency Squad for many years.

Betty Speer, aged 94. Also, a long-time resident, Betty worked at Wild West City for 40 years as a ticket collector. She ran the Lackawanna golf course for some time with her husband. She also sold real estate, including vacant lots in the then-new Forest Lakes.

October 27th was the grand opening of the Elise Hair Salon. November 3rd is the next Open Space meeting. November 4th is the next Planning Board meeting. Vote tomorrow!

Councilman Bonker – John Reinbott Sr: Earlier this month we lost a former Byram Mayor and Councilman John Reinbott Sr. John served Byram in the late 1970’s and early 1980’s. John was an Army veteran and an Irvington police officer. He served Byram, Irvington, and to the United States.

The October Open Space meeting has been rescheduled for this Wednesday at 7:30PM via Zoom. The trails grant and the dog park will be on the agenda. The State of NJ has denied the loan request for the dog park and the parking lot expansion at C.O. Johnson. They are not getting the loan because they are not an overburdened community, and because we are a small town. An Overburdened Community has at least 35% low-income households, or 40% minority households, or 40% limited English proficiency households.

Councilwoman Franco – Attended the last Planning Board meeting and they went over the water use conservation management plan, approved the Application for Center of Humanistic Change, and approved a residential application as well. Reminded residents to please vote tomorrow.

Councilman Gallagher – The last Recreation Committee Meeting was canceled, and has been rescheduled for November 17th. Will be going over the Christmas Tree Lighting that will be at the Cranberry Lake Fire House on December 5th.

Councilman Roseff – Environmental Commission met last week, and expressed interest to be involved with Highland Studies.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I

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

David Pelletier – 23 Frenches Grove Road – Thanked the Mayor, Manager, and DPW for boarding up the house behind him. Looking into the next steps on the other houses Block 189 Lot 29.1 and Block 181 Lot 28 that he has concerns. Mr. Sabatini explained that two paths can be taken. They can foreclose on it (this could take up to a year), and then take down the house, or take down the structure and put a lean on the property. He needs to first determine the cost involved.

Greg Smith – 26 Crescent Drive South – Asked about more detail as to pulling of the resolution on the Lake Management Plan, and if this will include private owned lakes. Mayor Rubenstein said that we will have a representative from Highlands and Princeton Hydro to come in and discuss what they can offer.

Luanne Byrne – Richmond Road – concerned about highlands assessments for Lake Management Plan and questioned the cost of remediation to the township. Mr. Sabatini provided an explanation and stated they will be inviting a representative from the Highlands and Princeton Hydro to come in to have a discussion as to what they can offer.

Skip Danielson – 18 Hunters Lane – Resolution No. 221- 2021 asked what the money is aimed toward. Asked if we should be looking at another provider. Mr. Sabatini said that Statewide Insurance company does a risk control grant the 1% that is listed below will be purchasing a sewer line camera.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 19, 2021 Regular– Motion by Councilwoman Franco, seconded by Councilman Bonker to approve the minutes. Councilman Roseff suggested a few edits and will send his requested edits to Cindy. The Minutes will be considered for approval on November 15, 2021.
- October 19, 2021 Closed Session and October 20, 2021 Regular & Closed Session Minutes – Motion by Councilman Bonker, seconded by Councilwoman Franco 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					

RESOLUTION NO. 220-2021 – Resolution Authorizing Submittal of CY 2021 Best Practices Inventory Certification Form. Motion by Councilman Gallagher, Second by Councilman Bonker to approve Resolution 220-2021.

	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. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a citizen or Council member so 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 Councilwoman Franco to approve the consent agenda.

- A. Resolution No. 221-2021 – Chapter 159 – Statewide Insurance Fund – Risk Control Grant \$2,463.00
- B. Resolution No. 222-2021 – Tax Sale Premium Escheat After Five Years / Foreclosure
- C. Resolution No. 224-2021 – Authorization to Purchase Crack Sealant under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council for Budget Year 2021 – Not to Exceed \$25,000.00

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

BILL LIST – November 1, 2021 – Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilman Gallagher to approve the bill list as presented.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II

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

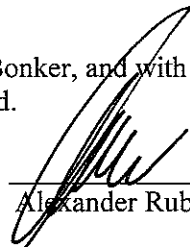
No Comments

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Bonker, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion carried.


Cynthia Church, RMC
Township Clerk


Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor