

**BYRAM TOWNSHIP SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - OCTOBER 6, 2020**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M.**  
**REGULAR SESSION – 7:30 P.M.**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Rubenstein called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting has been electronically sent to the newspapers and uploaded to Byram’s website, not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. In addition, a copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilman Bonker, here; Councilwoman Franco, here; Councilman Gallagher, here; Councilman Roseff, here; Mayor Rubenstein, here. Also present was Township Manager Joe Sabatini, Township Attorney Tom Collins, and Municipal Clerk Doris Flynn

**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.

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:

- a. Attorney Client Privilege Communication
  - General
  - Property Maintenance - Block 220 Lot 25 & Block 336 Lot 23
  - Forest Lakes Drive -- Potholes
- c. Contract Negotiations
  - Shared Services
    - Construction
    - Fire Prevention
    - ACO

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**

	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	X				
2 <sup>nd</sup>		X			
Yes	X	X	X	X	X
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

Certification: I certify that the Byram Township Council adopted the above resolution on October 6, 2020.  
 Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** - The Mayor stated that the Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at which time the Council went into executive session. The Mayor reopened the meeting at 7:32 pm.

**FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Motion by Councilman Gallagher, second by Councilwoman Franco to approve the consent agenda with the removal of 9/15 executive session minutes. All members in favor. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT - BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER** – Lauren M. Shannon - Motion by Councilman Gallagher, second by Councilwoman Franco, to appoint Lauren Shannon as a Board of Health member.

	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion			X		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		X			
Yes	X	X	X	X	X
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

**EAST BROOKWOOD ALTERNATE INGRESS / EGRESS REPORT** - The Council asked Township Engineer Cory Stoner to look at options for an alternate ingress/egress into East Brookwood. This has been discussed several times over the past few years and it also is mentioned in our Master Plan. Cory came up with 5 options.

- Woods Edge Road Extension - One way was to come in behind the Liquor Factory property (blk. 42, lot 113).
- Woods Edge Road Extension to Acorn St. Jughandle
- Brookwood Road connection to Mansfield Drive
- Brookwood Road connection to Brookwood Drive
- Underground Utilities

Alternate 1 - connection of Woods Edge Road - behind Liquor Factory. This has a Highlands component -- needs many approvals and permits. This is the least expensive option but could only be used for emergency access only - approximately \$166,000.

Extension of Woods Edge to Acorn Street Jug handle. This also involves Highlands and NJDEP approvals and permits. With full access, Woods Edge Road would need to be upgraded. \$800,000-\$1.3 million.

Build out of Mansfield Bike Path - Making the trail wider than it is would be almost impossible. The permits and approvals are numerous mainly because it is in the flood hazard area. It could only be enough for one lane directional roadway. In major storms this road would be flooded.

Connect Brookwood Road to Brookwood Drive - it provides a connector road but not another egress/ingress.

There was discussion on moving power and other utilities underground. This would address some safety concerns. The 1967 development put utilities underground. It's approximately \$1 million per mile -- Cory Stoner estimates approximately \$2 million for the whole development. If only Brookwood Road was considered for underground utilities, the engineer estimated \$600,000.

None of the options are perfect--they have advantages and disadvantages. Two options could be combined--underground utilities on Brookwood Road and the Woods Edge extension behind the Liquor Factory. Could combine the underground utilities with the enhancement of Mansfield Bike Path.

Harvey stated that we started considering this because of a community safety issue. He asked if we would be able to obtain grants for a project like this. Cory Stoner stated that it would be a viable project on a State level. On a Federal level, it's possible we could investigate it on a mitigation. Harvey asked Cory if he was familiar with the grants that Stanhope received totaling about \$2 million--one was for sidewalks and the other was for a connection to Sparta-Stanhope Road.

Harvey asked if there would be some type of economic return if we did a project like this.

Cris Franco asked if Woods Edge Road goes directly to the parking lot where the Liquor Factory is. Cory explained that there is wooded area with wetlands between Woods Edge and the parking area. When the Liquor Factory application was before the planning board, the property owner stated that they would agree to an easement if the Township wanted it. Cris thought the people on Woods Edge Road would prefer only an emergency access vs. a thoroughfare.

Alex had concerns about the Woods Edge option because if there was a problem past Stonybrook, the access on Woods Edge doesn't help.

Ray Bonker said that he thinks the Option 1 is the best, at the least cost. He realizes that we can't solve all the problems.

Alex asked if there has been ever been an issue in East Brookwood getting out of the development. Cris Franco stated that during Hurricane Irene, there were down power lines blocking Brookwood Road and no one could get out. Cris talked about the Quick Check being built and the concerns that the residents in the neighborhood had with the increased traffic and threat of a catastrophe happening at the corner of 206 and Brookwood Road. Cris said Option 1 and combining the underground utilities on Brookwood Road to Briar would be the best option. Harvey said that we should consider Option 1 and look for grants.

Jack Gallagher said that Cranberry Lake has similar issues with only one egress and ingress on North and South Shore Road.

Alex opened for public comment regarding this subject.

Barry Feldman, owner of the property that the Liquor Factory is on, stated that he has owned the property since 1978, which is about 5 acres. He recalls that at the Planning Board he was asked if he would grant an easement to open up Woods Edge Road to the Acorn Jug Handle. He is open to discussion and granting approval as long as there isn't any adverse effect to his property.

Jack Moran, 7 East Waterloo, asked if all of the options were constructed with pavement instead of gravel. He thought if the roadways were gravel instead of pavement it would be cheaper. Cory said that the options in his report are paved. Since these options would be used for emergency access, it would need to be plowed and pavement would hold up the best. From a security and safety standpoint, Jack feels we should make a second egress/ingress. He feels everyone should be willing to share in public safety. The planning board has discussed many times that a 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance is needed.

Jeanne Moran, 7 East Waterloo, is in favor of Option 1. East Brookwood has brought this up on many occasions. Jeanne stated that there is a homeowner who has 2 driveways that connects to two different roads. In an emergency, people have used this to get to another road. She doesn't consider this a band-aid and feels that something is better than nothing.

Annaliese, North Shore Road, stated that many times she has been stuck on North Shore Road along with many other people. She has lived in Byram for 50 years and doesn't recall any issue in the Brookwoods. Annaliese would not support spending tax payer money for another access to the East Brookwood Development.

Cris Franco stated that the difference between Cranberry Lake and East Brookwood is because when Quick Check was before the planning board, the residents were very vocal about a large commercial development at the intersection of the East Brookwood neighborhood and Route 206.

The Mayor suggested that the Council think about this for a meeting or two, and then discuss again a plan to move forward. Harvey suggested looking for grants to do this project. Joe stated that grants require projects to be ready--we would need to fund soft costs to get the project ready. Alex asked if a NJDOT grant could be used for this project. Cory stated that he did not feel option 1 with emergency access only would qualify for a NJDOT grant.

**2021 STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS** - One of the goals that Joe Sabatini is looking for is dedicated funding for the streets and road projects. In 2012 and 2013, we were discussing the 10-year streets/road program--we went back to an oil and stone program. We are inadequately funding for our streets and roads. The average life of a road requires continuous funding. Oil and stone is not a favorable road improvement. In 2015, we started looking at a cape seal program, which was favorable over oil and stone. In 2016 it was used in Forest Lakes and in 2018 in Lackawanna. It takes a lot of time to dry, but it provides a smooth riding surface which lasts 5-8 years. The preferred method for taking care of our roads is milling and paving. It will eliminate the amounts of berms we deal with now, and it will help us better manage the stormwater. Reconstructing of roads is a very costly project. By keeping up with milling and paving, we can avoid reclamation. We have 52 miles of road, 720,000 square yards of surface. The Township purchased equipment at the end of 2019 which is very helpful with road deterioration. It buys us more time to repave the road. We may look to do crack sealing again, which can help with the maintenance of roads. Road striping lasts for ½ the life of a road--we would like to restart this program.

Alex stated that he lives in Lake Lackawanna and went through the oil and stone and cape sealing. He feels that resident complaints are short-lived. Alex stated that if the DPW Superintendent feels that cape sealing is still viable on certain roads, we shouldn't let complaints deter us. Joe Sabatini stated that instead of putting a band-aid on the situation, he would rather do a real fix with milling and paving. We also could decide to do micro-surfacing after 8-10 years which would then extend the life of the mill and pave.

Harvey asked about reclaiming roads without calcium for the local roads. Cory said that when we use reclamation, they use calcium chloride which helps bind the material together. He doesn't recommend just using reclaiming material. There was discussion on the thickness of the road, berms, drainage, etc. Harvey stated that on the financial side, he asked Joe how much he is looking to establish and how does that compare to prior years. Joe would like to see \$900,000 per year for a mill and pave program. In the last 10 years, Joe can provide numbers to show that there has been inadequate funding. In the last few years, there has been funds added to the capital projects from various other line items, but it wasn't dedicated funding and there is no guarantee that the money will be available each year. Harvey would like to see the numbers for the last 5 years. Ray Bonker would also like to see the numbers and wants to see what he is committing to. Joe said he will provide the numbers, but he is also requesting that the Council look over the spreadsheet and inspect the roads. Joe will also provide the history of the roads that were paved, and exactly what was done. This can be discussed again at the next meeting,

#### **MANAGER AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Manager's Report** – LFN2020-22, presented the recalculation of State aid. There will be a shortfall this year.

Best Practices Inventory was recently issued. We will have a discussion at our October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. There are 60 questions, with 29 questions being scored. Based on Joe's review, he feels we will achieve the score that will enable us to get 100% of our State aid.

Update on DPW building - Joe would like to have a future discussion on the remaining renovations of the DPW building. **Mayor Rubenstein** - Participated on two calls for Verizon hearings last week. The Mayor was surprised on the lack of participation from the public.

**Councilman Bonker:** Friday, September 18th, participating in the Bagging for Hunger at Shoprite. 9/17 - Attended the Kiwanis meeting. Ray suggested that they consider sponsoring some of the playground equipment at CO Johnson Field. Open Space meeting will occur on 10/12. Ray is looking forward to the Forestry Consultant's report.

**Councilwoman Franco** - Reported on the 9/22 Board of Health meeting. Annelise came to her first meeting.

**Councilman Gallagher** - Attended the 10/1 Planning Board meeting. There were 2 variances--one for a deck and one for an addition. The next meeting is 10/15, and special Planning Board meeting on 10/29 for the continuation of the WaWa application. Jack reported on the recreation meeting, which was held via zoom on 10/19.

**Councilman Roseff** - No report

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 1**– Meeting open to the public for comments on matters not on the agenda or items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. The Mayor instructed the audience how they can participate and opened to the public. Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Gallagher to open to the public.

Gerald Murphy, 10 Division Lane, chair of the Environmental Commission, received a grant from ANJEC that allowed the Environmental Commission to form Invasive Species Strike Team led by Mike VanClef and hosted 3 events to walk Tamarack Trail and learn about invasive species and map them using apps on a mobile device. A total of about thirty people joined in these events. This information will be shared with the Township Forester. Gerald has only been living full time in Byram for the last year and wanted to get involved. He said he was fortunate to be able to join the Environmental Commission. Our Township is lucky to have dedicated people volunteering in Byram. The next Environmental Commission meeting is on October 22. Donna Fett, who is the secretary and an employee of the Township, has been an excellent asset to the committee.

Jack Moran, 7 E. Waterloo, asked for any updates on the Altese meeting and also ISO. Jack Gallagher said that because of COVID there has been a long delay with ISO. Jack Moran reported that the toll-free numbers are not working on the zoom calls.

Luanne Byrne, 34 Richmond Road, stated that she received her tax information card and thanked Joe Sabatini for keeping the budget in check. She agreed with Alex that the complaints have been minimal. She thanked the Council and the staff for their hard work in keeping the budget.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Motion by Councilman Gallagher, second by Councilwoman Franco to approve the September 15, 2020 Minutes.

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

Motion by Councilman Gallagher, second by Councilwoman Franco to approve the September 29 minutes.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** These items 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.

- Resolution No. 160-2020 – Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder – Block 300 Lot 2345, 11 Ranger Trail
- Resolution No. 161-2020 – Resolution to Cancel of Record a Housing Rehabilitation Program Mortgage on Block 315 Lot 2133 – 405 Springbrook Trail
- Resolution No. 162-2020 – Authorization to Execute Change Order No. 1 Township of Byram for Proposed Improvements to North Shore Road – Line Striping – Net Decrease of \$202.26
- Resolution No. 163-2020 – Authorization to Execute Change Order No. 1 Township of Byram for Proposed Improvements at the Lee Hill Road EMS Building – Line Striping – Net Decrease \$57.90

- Resolution No. 164-2020 – Authorization to Execute Change Order No. I Township of Byram for Proposed Improvements to Mohawk View Parking Lot – Line Striping – Net Increase \$111,500
- Resolution No. 165-2020 – Resolution to the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey “Withholding from Tax Sale Delinquent Special Assessment” – Block 279 Lot 319 – 38 Crescent Drive South
- Resolution No. 166-2020 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Contract for Repair Under a Rehabilitation Grant to FCR Construction, LLC for Block 53, Lot 117 in Accordance with the Byram Township Housing Rehabilitation Program – Not to exceed \$17,000
- Resolution No. 167-2020 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Contract for Repair under a Rehabilitation Grant to Dream Works Remodeling for Block 276, Lot 533 in Accordance with the Byram Township Housing Rehabilitation Program – Not to Exceed \$16,590.00
- Resolution No. 168-2020 – Authorization to Purchase Rock Salt under the Sussex County Cooperative Pricing System for Budget Year 2020 – Not to exceed \$108,193.38

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

- **RESOLUTION NO. 169-2020** – A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Byram Township, Sussex County, New Jersey, Calling Upon the NJ BPU and Verizon Communication to Act in the Best Interests of All Citizens of New Jersey, Including those Who Live in Rural Areas. The Mayor drafted the resolution. Harvey stated that the resolution doesn't mention Roxbury, and he felt it was important to put that in since it is in close proximity to Byram. There was suggested language for an additional whereas to be included in the Resolution. Mayor Rubenstein will submit this language to the clerk in the morning to add to the resolution. Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilman Roseff to adopt the resolution with the amendments discussed.

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

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2020 BILL LIST** - 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		
2 <sup>nd</sup>		x			
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					22679
Absent					

**ORDINANCE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading / Public Hearing**

**Ordinance No. 009-2020 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 87 Entitled “Animals” of the Township of Byram Code to Add a New Section 87.20 Entitled “Backyard Chickens”**

**Purpose Statement:** This ordinance amends Chapter 87 entitled “Animals” by adding Section 87.20 entitled “Backyard Chickens” to allow and regulate the keeping of up to four (4) female chickens on any residential lot subject to specific requirements in Byram Township.

Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilwoman Franco to adopt the ordinance. Raymond Bonker stated that we have talked about this ordinance for many months. The ordinance we are voting on tonight is a compromise that Ray believes will pass this tonight with 3 out of 5 votes. He hopes that in a few years, we can come back to increase the number of chickens and reduce the permit cost. Harvey stated that the discussion of chickens came up because there was a complaint. He does not believe that 40 feet is a proper setback distance from a neighboring property.

Kevin Protok, 335 Amity Road, stated that he owns hens. He moved from Glen Ridge to Byram so that he could have a better place to raise his hens. In Glen Ridge he had a coop that was 5’ x 14’, which was 8’ off the property line. There was never a complaint because he took care of the animals, just like a dog. They moved to a large property in Byram and built a home for their hens but found out that their structure isn't allowed. They have applied to the Planning Board for a variance. He feels that this ordinance doesn't fit all scenarios. He compared dogs to chickens and feels dogs can be more problematic than chickens. They bark loud and can go right to the property line.

Gerald Murphy, Division Lane, stated that he has worked with chickens as well as other animals. He doesn't feel there will be an odor from 4 chickens. He agrees that dogs can be a nuisance because some people do not clean up after their dog. If someone has an issue, they should just talk to their neighbor.

Jack Moran, 7 E. Waterloo Rd., is against this proposed ordinance and expressed his concerns. He feels we should leave the ordinance in zoning.

Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilman Roseff to close to the public. All in favor.

Ray Bonker stated that the Planning Board did review this ordinance and felt that the revised ordinance was better than the initial draft. Harvey Roseff stated that he thought that the ordinance in the land use section would have allowed Mr. Protok's chickens. There was further discussion and the clerk called for a vote.

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

Be It Resolved that Ordinance 009-2020 is passed on final reading and that a notice of final passage be published in the official designated newspaper according to the law.

**Ordinance No. 010-2020 - An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 112-3 Fees, Construction Codes, Uniform and the Appendix A; Fee Schedule, to the Code of Byram Township**

**Purpose Statement:** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Fee Schedule to update changes in § A287-6 Construction Department fees and in Chapter 112-3 Construction Codes, Uniform and A287-3 Animal Control Fees.

Motion by Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Gallagher to adopt the ordinance.

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

Be It Resolved that Ordinance 010-2020 is passed on final reading and that a notice of final passage be published in the official designated newspaper according to the law.

**Ordinance No. 011-2020 - Ordinance of the Township of Byram, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey to Establish a Government-Private Energy Aggregation Program in the Township of Byram in Order to Provide Electric Generation Service and Supply Service for Residential Customers Pursuant to the Government Energy Aggregation Act Of 2003 (P.L.2003, C.24, N.J.S.A. 48:3-92 Et Seq.)**

Motion by Councilman Gallagher, second by Councilwoman Franco to adopt the ordinance. Harvey stated that this is beginning the process and enables discovery. There will be no action taken until pricing is known.

Jack Moran, 7 E. Waterloo, stated that he is in favor of this ordinance. He encourages the Council to move forward and encourage other towns to join in to get a better price.

The Mayor opened to the public. No comments were made. The Mayor closed to the public.

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

Be It Resolved that Ordinance 011-2020 is passed on final reading and that a notice of final passage be published in the official designated newspaper according to the law.

**ORDINANCE - Introduction / First Reading**

**An Ordinance Amending Article XVI Entitled “Miscellaneous Provisions” of Chapter 3 Entitled “Administration of Government” of the Township of Byram Code to Add a New Section 3-61 Entitled “Anti-Nepotism Policy”**

**Purpose Statement: The purpose of this Ordinance is to confirm and codify the anti-nepotism policy of the Township prohibiting the hiring of immediate family members of elected officials, department heads, or supervisors.**

Motion by Councilman Roseff, second by Councilman Bonker to introduce the ordinance. Joe Sabatini stated that this policy is outlined in our employee handbook. Best Practices are requesting that towns adopt an ordinance outlining a nepotism policy.

	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion					
2 <sup>nd</sup>	x			x	
Y'es	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 the 20th day of October, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., on an audio conference call using Zoom at which time and place a public hearing will be held thereon and all persons and citizens interested shall have an opportunity to be heard.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Open Space /Recreation Projects Next Steps - The Council directed the Manager at the last meeting to research landscape architects to plan a redesign of CO Johnson Park. Joe Sabatini reached out to the Municipal Manager’s Association for some names. In addition, he reached out to our Planner who also is the Monmouth County Parks Planner. Paul Gleitz submitted a proposal to assist Byram with this project along with a landscape architect who works with Paul at Monmouth County. Alex is not in favor of the RFP process for this project. He feels there are smart people in front of us and would like to see Paul Gleitz and the landscape architect work along with Cory Stoner on this project. Jack and Harvey would like to interview. Ray would like to move forward with Paul Gleitz. Jack would like to interview 2-3 firms to get some new insight. He and Harvey feels it is worth taking the time to meet with a few people. Alex does agree that it is a large project and he would be willing to interview 2-3 people. Alex would like to interview the firm that worked with Mt. Olive, El Associates and French and Parillo, along with Paul Gleitz. The Council agreed on having these firms for a 45 minute interview, and set the interviews to occur on October 27 and November 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Future Council Meetings - 10/20 and 10/27 and 11/2 virtual

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION II** - The Mayor opened up to open to the public.

Jack Moran, 7 E. Waterloo Rd., asked if there are any updates on Verizon. Alex sent our existing ordinance to Verizon regarding working in Byram’s right-of-ways, and we are expecting a submittal soon.

The Mayor closed to public.

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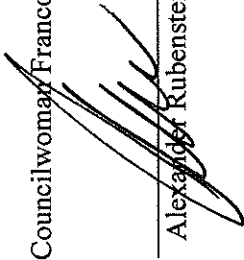
	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	x				
2 <sup>nd</sup>		x			
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

Certification: I certify that the Byram Township Council adopted the above resolution on October 6, 2020.  
Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilwoman Franco to adjourn the Council meeting at 11:53 pm. All members in favor. Motion carried.

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Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

  
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Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor