

BYRAM TOWNSHIP SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - AUGUST 11, 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 6:30 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
 - Altice - Cable Franchise Agreement
 - Property Maintenance - Block 220 Lot 25 & Block 336 Lot 23
 - Forest Lakes Drive - Pothole update
 - Personnel - Staffing

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 nd		x			
Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

Certification: I certify that the Byram Township Council adopted the above resolution on August 11, 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 7:30 pm.

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion by Councilwoman Franco, seconded by Mayor Rubenstein to approve the agenda with the removal of Resolution No. 126-2020 for discussion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS - Alex stated that on July 18 there was a situation at a lake in Byram. There was a child face down in the water. Tim Sullivan ran in the water and brought the boy out and Kristy and Daniel Richardson stepped into action and provided CPR. Kristy stated her and her husband knew something needed to be done, and they didn’t hesitate to help. Both Kristy and Daniel felt honored that the town did this. Alex said he will send them a copy of the proclamation along with a copy to the Mayor of their towns.

- Daniel Richardson
- Kristy Richardson
- Tim Sullivan

PRESENTATION BY ELIZABETHTOWN GAS - GARY MARMO AND RICH VALENTI - Attorney Rich Valenti provided an overview of Elizabethtown Gas’s (ETG) involvement in Sussex County. Currently they do not serve any residents in Byram. He explained the Petition process and stated that the ordinance has several safeguards in it for Byram. It requires ETG to honor all federal and state regulations. These regulations are intensely monitored and regulated. ETG would be required to restore the roads, provide insurance with the Township named as additionally insured, requires ETG

to post a bond for restoration, among other safeguards. The ordinance grants a non-exclusive franchise to ETG. There is a boundary line drawn within Byram Township. They have had conversations with NJ Natural Gas, who has agreed to the boundary line.

There is a newspaper requirement that ETG will take care of prior to the petition public hearing. Also, the notice must be posted in 5 places by the Township Clerk and ETG will provide the notice. If the Township adopts the ordinance, it is not until the BPU approves the ordinance that the franchise agreement will be valid.

Alex said that they will be doing a pipeline in a very small section of Byram and asked when they will be doing more. Gary Marmo stated that once they are on East Shore Trail and get into Byram Township, there are developments in the area. Once they get the trunk line in, the area would be offered service immediately. Then they will take additional surveys and provide a cost model.

Harvey Roseff said that Gary Marmo talked 2 years about doing the survey to move beyond the immediate area, and he asked why hasn't it been done yet. Gary said that they will survey the areas as soon as he gets the addresses. Alex said that he can break the areas down and send him the addresses. ETG wanted to start at East Shore Trail because the County is going to pave next year. If they don't do it now, the County will lock them out for 5 years. They are trying to get the main line done, and they haven't run into a lot of rock. Alex asked Joe about the timeline of paving roads in that area. Joe said that Lake Mohawk maintains the roads in Lake Mohawk except for Parkways. Joe said that we are applying for aid to pave Fieldstone Trail. If there was any intention to come down that road, we would hold off on paving.

The Mayor opened to the Public. Jack Moran, 7 E. Waterloo Rd., asked if they could delineate the dividing line. Everything in Lake Mohawk, Stonehedge, Lee Hill, Amity, Mayfair, Forest Lakes, Cranberry Lake is ETG. NJ Natural Gas would include Lake Lackawanna up to Sparta Stanhope Rd., both Brookwoods, and up Route 206 to the Fire House.

The Mayor asked if the Council wanted to proceed with the franchise agreement and introduction of the ordinance. Harvey asked what the next steps would be to split the territory. Rich Valenti stated that ETG would need to get approval from the BPU for the split of the territory. The same ordinance incorporates the franchise agreement and the boundary line. NJ Natural Gas would need to come forward to request the same thing that ETG is doing before they can come into Byram. Alex explained what NJ Natural Gas has been going through the past year. There was consensus from the Council to proceed with the franchise agreement at the next meeting.

PRESENTATION BY VERIZON LED BY MARK BOCCHIERI AND STEVEN WEIS - Alex announced that we invited Verizon to join a Council meeting to discuss a few issues in Byram and have a general discussion. There have been several complaints about calls being dropped in certain sections of the Township as well as some problems with communication with our first responders.

- They have a plan to install several small microcells to eliminate some of the holes.
- Steven Weis stated that the microcell deployment would be in the right-of-way. They would be looking to procure a right-of-way agreement. Alex asked what a microcell looks like on the pole. They have photos they can provide us. Alex asked if they are moving away from the large towers. They said that macros are not going away, but they are adding micros for additional coverage.
- They are moving towards 5G. The capacity problem is too many people using too many devices all at one time. They will be looking for a 4G and 5G solution. Alex asked about the timeline. Mark said they need to work with the Township on the right-of-way agreement and as soon as it gets adopted by the Council, it could be a 3-month solution.
- Harvey asked if we have any authority over the aesthetics. Verizon said that they don't go to a planning board or a zoning board because the Council rules the right-of-way. They will show pictures to the Council and work directly with the Council before anything is constructed.
- Byram Township is in a situation that we do not have a lot of choices for broadband options. Verizon has FiOS in a large portion of New Jersey. Our town is unique because it is split between 2 companies. Verizon explained network transformation and stated that they are now working with Succasunna outfitting the offices with fiber technology. Netcong is not on the list, which would be Byram's service area. Alex asked how we can lobby for this.
- Harvey said that Verizon is asking the BPU for another extension to their FiOS contract. He said they have a monopoly and it is not fair that they are leaving sections of New Jersey without service. They said there is competition out there, and they don't have a monopoly. Harvey stated that Verizon is choosing Succasunna and not choosing Netcong. Mark Bocchieri said he will bring it to the attention of the Engineering Department.
- 70 most densely populated municipalities were picked by the State Legislature. Next year they are up for renewal. Alex said if there is an opportunity for Byram to have a voice, we would want to.
- Alex stated that trees fall when storms come through. JCP&L has done a lot of work on tree maintenance over the past several years to help improve the fallout after a storm. Alex would like to know how we get Verizon's attention when trees are laying on a pole that has Verizon copper. Mark said that their crews will come out if there is danger to their lines.
- Alex asked about down poles and cables - Mark will send the number to Alex to give to Police and DPW.

The Mayor opened to the public:

- Jack Moran, 7 E. Waterloo Rd., wanted to add to the list the area of East Brookwood that the coverage is spotty.
- Annalise Tartell, 7 Lackawanna Drive, stated that her she is having a major issue with her DSL. When she called Verizon, they said she has highest DSL that is available. Mark will speak to Analise offline to address her issues.

- Todd Rudloff, Fire Chief, reported the troubles they were having during the storm. Mark will reach out to Todd's wireless rep and discuss the issues the FD was having.
- Jack Moran asked if Verizon has any plans to expand the DSL service. Mark will have further conversation with Jack offline to address these issues.
- Mark thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak tonight.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT – Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilman Gallagher to appoint Councilwoman Cris Franco to the Board of Health for a 4-Year Term which expires 12/31/2023. All members in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGER AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Manager's Report

- Tropical Storm – Joe Sabatini thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Emergency Management for doing a great job during the storm. Joe reported on the incident involving 2 DPW workers and a tree falling on their truck--thankfully, they were unharmed because they had just gotten out of the truck to remove debris from the road when the tree fell.
- Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 1
- Joint meeting of the Township Council, Recreation Committee and Open Space Committee on Tuesday, September 8 starting at 7:00. – Prioritizing the 11 projects detailed in the Open Space and Rec Plan
- Community: Byram Twp. Follow Up Survey to Explore Community Interest in the Development of a Dog Park
- Started Budget Process with Dept Heads and requested departmental Capital Budgets.
- Chicken Ordinance Discussion on the September 1 Council meeting

Mayor Rubenstein - Alex reported that there was a Planning Board meeting last week. A sign company was deemed complete and they will be presenting their application in October. Wawa is scheduled for September 3. Tomahawk Lake is scheduled for September 8. Alex thanked all the different departments who assisted during the storm. He participated in daily calls with all the agencies. 78% of the township lost power on Tuesday. By Saturday there were 20 homes remaining without power, which was quite good compared to some of our neighboring towns.

Councilman Bonker's prepared comments:

We held an Open Space meeting last night. I am happy to report that we are moving forward with our new forester Gracie and Harrigan to bid out an Ash Tree harvest in Tamarack Park for some time this Fall. Assuming we get acceptable bids, we will actually recognize a small amount of revenue from this demonstration project. I am happy about this because we have talked about a timber harvest for over a decade within the Open Space committee, and after a false start last Fall, we believe we will get some valuable experience this time around in terms of forest management. We are focused on Ash trees because of the Emerald Ash borer problem currently afflicting the country, but we might also expand to other tree species if the opportunity presents itself.

I also want to highlight the upcoming joint meeting between the Council and the Open Space and Recreation Committees on September 8th. Last night I asked the Open Space members to consider ranking all 11 of the capital project ideas presented in the Parks and Recreation Plan document which has now become a part of our Master Plan. I encourage my fellow Council members to do some homework before September 8th as well, and I specifically challenge each of you to rank order all 11 of the capital projects in the Open Space report. The results from the September 8th meeting will help the administration with 2021 planning.

Speaking of 2021, we will talk later tonight about our Goals and Objectives, which is exactly what we should be doing. I just want to caution everyone that the State of NJ is still wrestling with a \$10 billion budget hole that they plan to plug with a bond offering. The State Supreme Court will decide whether they can do that or not. I only bring this up because if the Supreme Court shoots down that plan, we would have to expect that the state would look to cut municipal aid. It may be a "doomsday" scenario, but it is not outside the realm of possibility. And if it happens, it will be ugly. So, we will plan our future tonight, but we will keep at least one eye on Trenton while we do it.

And speaking of our future, my personal top 3 goals for 2021 are:

1. *Get the Municipal Building Financed*
2. *Get the Municipal Building Financed*
3. *Get the Municipal Building Financed*

Byram Township has existed for almost 225 years. Byram Township can now borrow 20-year money for 1.30%. Never in the history of Byram Township could we borrow 20-year money for 1.30%. If you could see me now, I would be banging my shoe on the table. Inflation is running around 1.5%, which means money, for Byram Township, is now free. We must act.

It is not on the agenda tonight, but the chicken ordinance is still very much alive. The Manager and his staff have indicated that a revised ordinance will be available for us to consider in September. Stay tuned.

Finally, most of us sat in the dark for several days this past week until our power was restored. But of course, our police and DPW were out in the elements working on our behalf as we sat home in the dark. We certainly thank them for all of their efforts. The Manager sent us a picture of one of our DPW trucks with a tree that fell on it during the storm on

Roseville Road. There were DPW employees in that truck. I went to the site of the accident the next day. That tree was an absolute widow maker. I need to say this as literally as it sounds: thanks be to God that all our employees are safe.

Councilwoman Franco - Attended the Board of Health meeting, but they didn't have a quorum. There are 2 seats open and Cris asked the public to get involved.
Councilman Gallagher - Next Recreation meeting is 8/17.
Councilman Roseff - No report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 1– Motion by Councilman Gallagher, second by Councilwoman Franco to open to the public. 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.

Jack Moran, 7 E. Waterloo Rd., asked when energy aggregation representatives are scheduled to be at a meeting. Alex reported that they will be at the next meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion by Councilman Gallagher, second by Mayor Rubenstein to approve the July 21, 2020 Regular & Closed Meeting Minutes

	Councilman Bonker	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion			x		
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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 Councilwoman Franco, second by Councilman Roseff

- A. Approval of 50/50 & Raffle License for Byram Township Fire Department
- B. Resolution No. 122-2020 – Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle FY2021
- C. Resolution No. 123-2020 – Authorizing Appointment of the Township Hearing Officer and Award of a Professional Service Contract in Connection therewith
- D. Resolution No. 124-2020 – Resolution of Acceptance of a Donation from Adam Raffay, Boy Scout Troop 276 to the Township of Byram to Build a Trail Head Kiosk at Tamarack Trail
- E. Resolution No. 125-2020 – Resolution of Acceptance of a Donation from Spencer Van Nest, Boy Scout Troop 276 to the Township of Byram to Build and Hang Bat Boxes along Mansfield Bike Trail
- F. Resolution No. 127-2020 – Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Liquor License to BBG Restaurant LLC, Trading as Alibi Beach Bar, Valid from 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2021
- G. Resolution No. 128-2020 – Refund Authorization for Tomahawk Lake totaling \$200.00

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Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

Resolution No. 126-2020 – Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$941,600 Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Byram, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey - Motion by Councilman Bonker, second by Councilman Roseff.

Harvey asked for a summary for the public on what is covered under this resolution. Joe stated that these are the Township’s short-term debt. Every September we are required to go out for bid. The varying ordinances that are included in this is for radios, reconditioning of fire trucks, preliminary expenses for the municipal building, and DPW truck purchases. Harvey asked what we are doing with the sewer system. Joe stated that the system only services the users that use it. We had to do work on several pump stations, upgrades to 3 of the generators at the pump stations, etc. There is a capital plan that we follow.

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Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 11, 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		
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Yes	x	x	x	x	x
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2021 Goals & Objectives - At the reorganization meeting this year, the Council stated that they wanted to have a goals and objectives meeting. Joe stated that it is very critical to start the conversation. It will have impacts on the municipal budget. Joe provided the Council with a memo, which included information on policy making that came from the New Jersey Municipal Manager’s Association. Tonight, is a good opportunity to kick this off.

Ray Bonker:

- Assuming no state aid cuts, deliver an overall budget that cuts taxes by .5% (compared to .25% in 2020)
- A few of the top reasons Ray wanted to get onto the Council was a new municipal building, development on Route 206, work on 3 of the capital projects.
- Ray said he doesn’t want to lose focus on doing improvements to the DPW building.
- Budget for 3 of the 11 capital projects identified in the Open Space/PRP plan (using Open Space money as appropriate)

Cris Franco:

- Put forward a plan for Zoom meetings to be coordinated by someone other than Alex as he is needed in person on the days. We could use someone to coordinate the call and questions from the public as well as a way to record the meetings to be viewed on a local Cable TV station.
- Begin to work on items on the Greener By Design plan--improvements to the CO Johnson snack stand updated as well as the bathrooms and perhaps a snack stand at the Neil Gylling fields. The Girls Softball league has always been the "stepchild" of sports leagues. When my husband was treasurer for the Softball League, they tried to get permission and raise funds for this project at Neil Gylling, but ultimately, they were not able to get it done. The play equipment upgrade would be a great project to work on as well, but only after the construction items above are completed.
- Revamping of the Township Codes. Cris can dedicate time to assist with the reorganization of the Township Codes.

Harvey Roseff:

- Better roads, with continuing, particular focus on fixing underlayment problems where Byram switched years ago from a paving program to oil/stone maintenance. We’re 2 cycles into this switch and structural issues are arising that an oil/stone maintenance process doesn’t fix.
- Rehab CO Johnson Field House through the Open Space balance and by organizing volunteer contribution. Add a Pavilion to CO Johnson Park. Fund materials for volunteer projects for small shelters/lean-tos on the trails for hikers to gain protection from the weather. With the separate Open Space tax that the public approved in a referendum, we are taxing Byram property owners but not delivering infrastructure that the public expects.
- Switch back to part time Rec Director. End the new full-time "overhead" position.
- Start tightening up on our spending now and not wait until the next budget cycle to do so. With the virus, times have changed, and more State taxation is arriving to compete for the same resident pocket. The Byram budget Interest Revenue line item drop will be substantial and should be filled from cuts in the budget. Additionally, with our police department turnover generating generational savings, these savings should primarily go to the taxpayer to help residents pay for the coming new increases in taxation and living expenses. Same goes for revenues from new ratables like Quick Check.
- Projected Fire Truck purchase, a 4th in 4 years, should be postponed.
- Administration needs to pursue shared services. Byram is an 8,000 resident town that needs the economy and resiliency that shared services provides.
- We should start working on the garbage contract now.
- The ISO review should be prioritized. It may produce as much as \$150+ savings for homeowner insurance. That’s a nice amount to save our residents.

Jack Gallagher:

- Improvements to recreational facilities. COJ and Neil Gylling are outdated and need to be upgraded to today’s standards.
- Improvements to the DPW building--a generator, heat in the bathrooms, updated breakroom. These improvements are desperately needed.

Alex Rubenstein:

- Continue pushing the municipal building project along with purpose. This should be the primary focus of the council for 2021.
- Explore the new open space and recreation plan and clearly identify which projects we want to put forth for 2021. I personally feel that focus should be given mainly on CO Johnson, and we should leverage OS funds by way of a bond to push forward some larger projects sooner.
- Continue vigorously the digitization of municipal records to reduce footprint of onsite storage, to increase accessibility to the public, to ease the finding of records, and to protect the records from potential loss. Further investigation is needed to find out what other “permanent records” could be digitized.
- Increase municipal spending on streets and roads to a point where proper road maintenance is sustainable long term. This could include, additionally, reconstruction of drainage basins in lake areas to protect our water bodies.
- Alex stated that we have to come to a consensus as a group. We need to be cognizant of the staff and the workload we put upon them.

Joe reviewed his goals and objectives for Byram which he outlined in a memo to the Council and posted on the website. **Management’s Goals and Objectives List:**

- Dedicated Annual Road Resurfacing Budget:
 - Planning for future discussion early fall.
 - Working on completing a Pavement Condition Index assessment of all roads in Township.
 - Council to establish road resurface program based on recommendations of staff and professional.
 - To Mill & Pave all roads in towns = 2020 costs estimated \$10.5 million. Dedicated budget about \$900,000.
- Soil Importation Ordinance:
 - Last reviewed by Mayor and Council February 18, 2020.
 - Sent to Planning Board for Comment – changes incorporated by PB Engineer.
 - Staff has been requesting clarification from NJDEP regarding the law change for a A901 license.
- Fee Ordinance:
 - It is expected that the Township review its fee schedule annually to determine whether fees need to be brought in line with expenses.
 - Also, the Township needs to comply with law prohibiting the imposition of UCC fee amounts greater than necessary to operate the UCC office.
 - It has been determined that the Township’s UCC fees fall significantly short of State UCC fees in certain areas.
 - Working on 2021 budget to address staff changes that occurred in 2020 as well as operating expenses that are increasing.
- Township Codes:
 - Chapter 48 – Police Department (Police Manual) – Has not had a complete review and update since 1994.
 - Zoning/Property Maintenance Changes:
 - Pop-up Temporary Structures
- Records Management – continue to explore government records that can be scanned and permanently destroyed.
- Animal Control and Pound Services:
 - Explore outsourcing pound services and not retain as municipal service.
- Building Department:
 - Expand services to other communities.
 - The Department would highly benefit from having a Full-time TACO and Full-time Construction Official.
 - Increased hours for subcode officials will help retain individuals and limit high turnover of department.
 - Increased fees will help offset increase in costs.
 - Goal: Retain a local building department for residents that provides reliable and timely service.
- Software Enhancements:
 - Implement Document Management System:
 - Explore system utilized in Police Department - Power DMS Software.
 - Policy Management System.
 - SDL – Spatial Data Logic:
 - Additional user license needed in building department. Move from single user license to multiple user licenses.
 - Integrate workflow for planning, zoning, and building.
 - Agenda Management Software:
 - Automate Agenda Process to facilitate efficiency of agenda management.
 - Create online agenda to eliminate need to produce paper packets.
 - Explore providing tablets to council members to access agendas, and email.

Plan for Future Meetings

- Alex asked how the Council feels about a special meeting to review the goals and objectives. The Council was in favor of having a special meeting. The Council agreed on 7 p.m. start for workshop on September 29. Get a document out that compiles all the goals and objectives.
- Having meetings in public are a challenge. Joe said maybe we should look at a hybrid method. Council members being in the meeting room and have the public call in. It would be good to have the September 8th meeting with video so that we can share. Harvey was against having a zoom video meeting because he doesn’t

have a device to use it on. He does not want to use it on his computer that he has for work. The audio virtual meetings work fine for him.

- Joe suggested having the 9/1 meeting as an audio meeting and discuss future meetings again after we gather more information about options of conducting meetings. Alex stated that he prefers holding a meeting remotely because he can access his computer and have things at his fingertips. He said that public attendance has increased. Ray agreed. Cris feels we need to get back to in person meetings. She stated that we can also do zoom so that the public can call into the meeting. Harvey feels it is important that we get back to meeting in person. Harvey would embrace the hybrid meeting. Jack would like to see a hybrid method.

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS - ESCNJ will be at next meeting. Councilman Gallagher would like to discuss the improvements to the DPW building. Joe can add it to the next agenda and gather some information. Joe stated that if the Council was willing to move forward with improvements to the DPW building, we should do a bond ordinance.

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

Jeanne Moran, 7 E. Waterloo Rd., asked about solicitors and census takers and if they are allowed now. She did take the dog park survey but didn't like some of the questions. She also suggested doing a survey about the chicken ordinance.

The Mayor closed to public.

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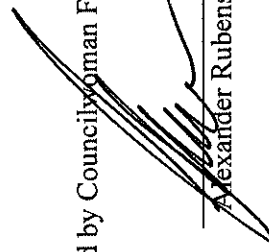
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Certification: I certify that the Byram Township Council adopted the above resolution on August 11, 2020.
Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Councilman Gallagher, second by Councilwoman Franco to adjourn the Council meeting at 11:00 pm. All members in favor. Motion carried.


Doris Flynn, Municipal Clerk


Alexander Rubenstein, Mayor