

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION FEBUARY 24, 2022

The Township Committee met on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 295 Bordentown-Chesterfield Road, Chesterfield, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee Panfili at 6:30 p.m. followed by a flag salute and moment of silence.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Belinda Blazic, Denise Koetas-Dale, Lido Panfili, Michael Russo and Jeremy Liedtka

Also present: Thomas A. Sahol, Township Administrator; John Gillespie, Township Attorney; Caryn M. Hoyer, Township Clerk; Joe Hirsh, Township Engineer, Rachel Fryc, Deputy Clerk and Chief Michael Davison.

The Open Public Meetings Act statement was read and compliance noted.

AGENDA MATTER(S) REQUIRING RECUSAL(S)

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Blazic made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve the February 10th Minutes. Voice vote – All Ayes except Mr. Liedtka who abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 2022-2 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 66 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to introduce Ordinance 2022-2. Voice vote – All Ayes. The public hearing for this ordinance will be at the Township Committee meeting on March 10th.

ORDINANCE 2022-3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD ENTITLED “AMUSEMENT DEVICES”, CHAPTER 130-40 ESTABLISHING PERMITTED USES WITHIN THE PVD ZONING DISTRICT, AND SECTION 110-70”

Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to introduce Ordinance 2022-3. Voice vote – All Ayes The public hearing for this ordinance will be at the Township Committee meeting on March 24th.

ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION

ORDINANCE 2022-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD, ENTITLED “FEES”

Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Ms. Blazic to open to public. Hearing no comment, Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to close public comment. Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Mr. Russo to adopt Ordinance 2022-1.

Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2022-2-10

RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Motion by Mr. Liedtka, seconded by Ms. Blazic to approve Resolution 2022-2-10. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-2-11

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2018-4-12 WHICH ESTABLISHED A “COMPRESSOR STATION AND PIPELINE TASKFORCE COMMITTEE” AND REPOSING DUTIES OF SAID COMMITTEE IN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Motion by Mr. Liedtka, seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2022-2-11. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-2-12

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC SALE OF ONE PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE

Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Mr. Russo to approve Resolution 2022-2-12. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-2-13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY SERVICE CHARGE TO FIRST QUARTER SEWER BILLING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23 CHESTERFIELD-CROSSWICKS ROAD

RESOLUTION 2022-2-14

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY SERVICE CHARGE TO FIRST QUARTER SEWER BILLING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 31 CHURCH STREET

Mayor Panfili would like the committee to table resolutions 2022-2-13 & 2022-2-14. Motion by Ms. Koetas-Dale seconded by Mr. Liedtka to table Resolution 2022-2-13 & 2022-2-14 to the March 10th meeting. Voice vote – All Ayes

RESOLUTION 2022-2-15

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO SUSTAINABLE JERSEY LARGE GRANT PROGRAM

Motion by Mr. Liedtka seconded by Ms. Koetas-Dale to approve Resolution 2022-2-15.
Voice vote – All Ayes

TREASURERS BILL LIST

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Mr. Russo to approve the bill list.
Voice vote – All Ayes

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Michael Davison reported 340 incidents for the month of January:
Alarms – 8, EMS 27, Crisis/Mental Health – 4, Warrant Arrests – 3,
Domestic Disputes – 5, Fraud – 1, Harassment – 1, Trespassing – 1, Theft – 4, Weapons –
1, DWI – 2, MV Crashes – 6, Aggravated Assault – 1
Obstruction, resisting, aggravated assault on LE, committed against two officers – 1

Trainings – Ptl. Pypcznski & Ptl. Eldershaw attended a virtual training event titled
“Recognizing Indicators of Extremism in the School Community.”
Cody Wilson continued progress through the field training & evaluation program
All officers were instructed on proper use and maintenance of newly issued mini-flashlights
which will be affixed to the duty belt as part of duty uniform.

Mr. Liedtka asked Chief Davison if he has been in touch with Mansfield regarding the break-
ins that have been happening there. Chief replied yes he is.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Sykesville Road Phase I & II and Sykesville Road III - Awaiting minor punch list work,
anticipate closeout in March.

2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid – White Pine Road from 545 to Township Line – The roadway
was reassessed last week and it was determined there is additional work needed. The
additional work has been incorporated into the Construction Plan and Specification pack and
submitted to NJDOT for approval to bid. It may take up to 4 weeks to get their approval and
anticipate bidding the end of March.

FY2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid – Sykesville Road Phase IV from Eagle Lake to 537 –
Base Plans are being prepared for the project. Once prepared we will complete the design
and Construction Plans and Specifications and submit to NJDOT for bid approval. We
anticipate bidding this project in April.

2021 CDBG – Handicapped Ramp Improvement Project – Construction Plans and
Specifications are 90% complete and almost ready for submission to CDBG for approval to
bid. Typical review time is +/-2 weeks. We anticipate bidding this spring.

NJDEP Storm water Annual Report & Correspondence – Mr. Hirsh stated he will make
sure the 2021 report is submitted before the due date of May 1, 2022.

Main Street Traffic Improvements - The County Engineer’s Office provided an update to
the repaving in Crosswicks, including the installation of the 4-way stop at Main/Church/Ward

intersection. The County intends to complete their construction design and bid the project for Fall 2022/Spring 2023 construction.

Wooden Path Repair at Davenport Drive and Margerum Road – ERI obtained quotes and recommended award of the project to Vulcan Construction in the amount of \$3,900.00. Awaiting weather and issuance of PO to coordinate construction.

Bond Tracking

Sykesville Road Phases I/II – still in construction, punch list phase
Sykesville Road Phases III – still in construction, punch list phase
Phase 8 – Maintenance Bond Expires 11/17/2022
Phase 3 - Maintenance Bond expires 12/17/2022
Phase 5 – Maintenance Bond should expire on or about 12/09/2023
Special Cash Bond for Landscape Improvements for Spring 2022
Phase 6 – Maintenance Bond should expire on or about 12/09/2023
Phase 7A – Release Recommended 01/28/21 w/ conditions
Phase 7B – Maintenance Bond should expire on or about 12/09/2023

DPW/RECREATION

Troy reported that he and Rachel met with Brian Kuser from NB Lacrosse and Shawn Spaulding from CTAA Baseball. Both groups plan to start the season March 1st or when the weather permits. DPW will be busy getting all of the recreation fields ready.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Ms. Koetas-Dale thanked the members of the Pipeline Task Force. She said they did a great job and believes will be a good transition to the EC.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Blazic stated that at the last township meeting the committee she advised the committee about the need for a dedicated pickle ball court and possible use of the recreation building for pickle ball. She said that a Chesterfield resident has created a pickle ball group and have over 40 members but they are having issues finding places to play. Rachel reported that three pickle ball courts can fit in the recreation building and nets range from \$100 - \$200 apiece.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to open the meeting to the public. All were in favor.

April Bird, 71 Waln Road said that she and her husband play pickle ball and use the outdoor tennis court. They would like dedicated courts in Chesterfield.

Jackie Paterson, 28 Chesterfield-Crosswicks Rd said that the nets on the tennis courts are too high for pickle ball. They need to be 4 inches shorter to play. Ms. Paterson said her pickle ball group has problems competing with the tennis players at the tennis courts in Chesterfield and the Crosswicks courts are often taken over by basketball. She asked for a dedicated pickle ball court.

Sylvia, Bordentown resident plays pickle ball with Chesterfield residents and stated the cost to build a pickle ball court is minimum. She feels a dedicated pickle ball court in town would be a positive addition.

Brett Anderson, 62 Brookdale Way asked for us to re-look at the Recreation Survey that was done a few years ago to see what people want in town that we still have not done before building the pickle ball courts. He suggests that we build a dedicated court instead of taking away a tennis court. Ms. Koetas-Dale replied that pickle-ball was on the list of the survey results which is why we put the pickle ball lines on the tennis courts. Ms. Koetas-Dale agrees we should have dedicated courts due to the popularity of the sport.

Agnus Marsala, 42 Cromwell Drive asked if there is any word on when 528 will be repaired based on the agreement with the Pipeline. Mr. Sahol replied he does not have information on that and will notify the County of the concern.

Lorrie Thier, 153 Chesterfield-Crosswicks Road asked if there are any updates on the intersection at Chesterfield-Crosswicks, Margerum and Old York Road. Mayor Panfili replied he had no new information regarding the County roads. Ms. Koetas-Dale asked Mr. Sahol to put this on for discussion at the next meeting. Ms. Thier asked if we can put a crosswalk going from Old York Rd to Charlotte Rogers Park. Mayor Panfili asked Mr. Hirsh if he can ask the County to put a crosswalk there temporarily while looking at the entire intersection. Mr. Hirsh will do. Ms. Koetas-Dale said that under discussion for the next meeting, the committee will be discussing straightening of the intersection at Chesterfield-Crosswicks, Margerum and Old York Road for safety purposes.

Mayor Panfili said that he and Mr. Sahol will be attending a virtual DVRPC meeting today.

Mr. Liedtka made a motion seconded by Ms. Blazic to close public comment. All were in favor.

Ms. Blazic asked where we can put the dedicated pickle ball courts. After much discussion among the committee members, Mayor Panfili asked Mr. Hirsh to report back at the next meeting with a logistical and practical solution regarding the pickle ball courts. Mayor Panfili also asked Mr. Hirsh, Ms. Blazic and Mr. Ulshafer see what facility would work best to temporarily designate to pickle until we have a permanent solution.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made Mr. Liedtka and seconded by Ms. Blazic. All were in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC
Township Clerk