

ON TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HELD IT'S (EXECUTIVE SESSION) MEETING IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 95 W. VETERANS HIGHWAY, JACKSON, NJ, 08527

Present: Martin Flemming, Council President; Stephen Chisholm, Jr., Council Vice President; Nino Borrelli, Councilman; Jennifer L. Kuhn, Councilwoman; and Scott Sargent (Absent), Councilman

Others present: Terence Wall, Business Administrator; Gregory McGuckin (arrived at 7:01 p.m.); Township Attorney; Brent Pohlman, Attorney; and Mary Moss, Township Clerk

Certification was read into record:

“As Clerk of this meeting, I publicly announce that in compliance with the provisions of the “Open Public Meetings Act” adequate notice of this meeting of the Jackson Township Council has been advertised in the manner prescribed by law.”

A motion was made by Councilman Borrelli seconded by Councilman Chisholm to open Executive Session.

RESOLUTION R220-23

- A) Personnel/Professionals:
- B) Litigation/Potential Litigation: Update
- C) Potential Land Sale/Land Acquisition: Update
- D) Contracts/Agreements:
- E) Added: Open Space land acquisition

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kuhn seconded by Councilman Chisholm to close Executive Session.

Adjournment: 7:22 p.m.

7:30 P.M. - RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING IN THE MAIN MEETING ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Present: Martin Flemming, Council President; Stephen Chisholm, Jr., Council Vice President; Nino Borrelli, Councilman; Jennifer L. Kuhn, Councilwoman; and Scott Sargent (Absent), Councilman

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROCLAMATION:

JOINT PROCLAMATION FOR OFFICER ZACHARY RODINA AND OFFICER WILLIAM KONZA, AND TYLER KALMOWITZ – read into record by Councilwoman Kuhn

Juliana Kalmowitz (sister of Tyler Kalmowitz)- made a speech

OPENING COMMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL:

COUNCILMAN BORRELLI- Thanks officers for their training and heroic actions. The annual Jackson Parade is on Monday, come out and show your support. It is National Public Works week and thanks Public Works and the whole staff for all their hard work. Goodnight and good evening.

COUNCILWOMAN KUHN- Stresses the importance of being CPR Certified and as a private citizen she will be holding CPR class with a Certified Teacher at JLK Sales Group June 4th at 10 a.m. Thank you and good evening.

COUNCILMAN SARGENT- ABSENT

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT CHISHOLM- Thanks the officers for everything they do. Come out to the parade to support the veterans who gave up their lives and teach your kids what it's really about. Have a good holiday weekend. Good evening and god bless.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FLEMMING- Reiterates the importance of CPR training and how they hold it at the Fire Department all the time and to get in touch if you are interested. Thank you and good evening.

APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Borrelli, seconded by Councilwoman Kuhn to approve the minutes of May 9, 2023 upon the following vote:

Roll call vote: Ayes- 4 Nays 0- Absent-1 (Sargent)-Abstain-0

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES: PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

ORD17-23 THIS IS THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 17-23 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 27-22 ESTABLISHING THE SALARY RANGE FOR ALL OF THE VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2023 AND THEREAFTER

THIS ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED ON MAY 9, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Chisholm seconded by Councilman Borrelli, to open the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one came forward.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kuhn seconded by Councilman Chisholm, to close the public hearing.

THIS IS THE THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 17-23 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 27-22 ESTABLISHING THE SALARY RANGE FOR ALL OF THE VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2023 AND THEREAFTER

A motion was made by Councilman Chisholm seconded by Councilwoman Kuhn, upon the following vote:
Roll call vote: Ayes- 3 Nays 1 (Borrelli) - Absent-1 (Sargent) Abstain-0

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION – FIRST READING

NONE

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION(S) ONLY:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT (RESOLUTION(S) ONLY):

NONE

BILL AND CLAIMS:

Councilwoman Kuhn, seconded by Councilman Borrelli, upon the following vote: Ayes- 4 -Nays 0- Absent-1 (Sargent)-Abstain-3 (Chisholm-BRI18, JAC17, RUT02, CAM15, COMM44; Kuhn JAC17; Borrelli-DEL01, DEP02, EYE01, NJD04, RUT02, and TREASURE)

CONSENT RESOLUTION(S):

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kuhn, seconded by Councilman Chisholm to approve the listed resolutions as a consent agenda was approved upon the following:

Roll call vote: Ayes- 4 –Nays-0 - Absent 1 (Sargent) -Abstain (Borrelli R227-23)

Resolutions are filed in the Township’s Clerk's office and posted on the Township’s website.

PUBLIC COMMENT, ANY TOPIC

A motion was made by Councilman Borrelli, seconded by Councilman Chisholm to open the public portion.

1) Ray Cattonar-11 Fordham Road- disapproves ordinance 17-23, the percentage is too high, does not understand why it increased by 40%

Flemming- has to do with COLA and there has been no raise since 2008. Council turned it down others did not.

Mr. Wall-Ordinance- 17-23 is not a raise it’s a range.

2) Joe Krakovsky-43 Mill Pond Road –Has the committee for the rewrite of the Master plan and Open Space Committee been formed yet?

Flemming- As far as I know, no. Open Space is under the Mayor and Master Plan under the Planning Board that’s who will appoint and bring those names forward.

Krakovsky- Ordinance 14-23 was tabled, but can this language be rewritten into the Master Plan without becoming an ordinance.

McGuckin- Master Plan does not adopt ordinances it sets forth ranges. Master Plan can make a recommendation but Council can adopt an ordinance. Master Plan requires a public hearings.

Krakovsky- If Ordinance 14-23 does come to light, he has concerns with the septic systems.

Flemming- If there is a change of use it has to go before Planning and Zoning and any outside approvals after that.

3) E Bannon-22 Abercorn Court- Why is the house of worship on a corner lot?

Flemming- Smaller zones tried to make it that properties were big enough to not effect surrounding properties and did not want to put it in the middle of houses or on smaller roads. There should be no on street parking.

4) Randy Bergmann-5 Brentwood Drive-What is the intent on the counsel of 14-23 at this point and why hasn't there been a second reading?

Flemming- The ordinance requires enhanced notification and it would have costed tax payers a lot of money. To be cost effective, it will be done through the planning board where the residents will be notified.

Randy- If it costs that much, how many homes are being effected?

Flemming- Every house in town because every zone is effected and would have to be noticed.

Randy- Have you submitted anything to the Planning Board yet?

Flemming- Planning board chairman has been notified and putting a committee together to create ordinances to keep everyone happy.

Randy- What is status of master plan review?

Flemming- Has not been started yet need to prepare a committee and it is in the planning board chairman's hands.

Randy- Mr. Wall do you have any insights on what's going on?

Mr. Wall- At one of the Planning Board meetings it was approved to have the planner Ernie Peters to begin process of master plan to be reviewed.

5) Nicole Koopman-79 Forest Drive-Is there a limit on houses of worships and does that mean there can be 40 in my development?

Flemming- Not something they can limit and it's possible, dependent upon if the community can support it.

Koopman- Where I used to live in South Amboy they limited the number of churches/houses of worship.

McGuckin- That would never hold up in Court, it's illegal.

6) Rosario Herrero-29 Oregon Avenue- Is it too late to comment on the salary ordinance? Understands this is on a stipend not on salary, has concerns with the amount council and mayor is making.

Flemming-nobody on Council makes that money and what was voted on was a salary range and everyone makes the lowest end of the range.

7) Ray Cattonar-11 Fordham Road-School is going to ask tax payers for 4 million dollars in the upcoming election, if it does get turned down does it come back down to council?

Flemming- It does not come back to council it goes to the State.

8) Michele Whary-751 Hyson Road- needs to be educated on 14-23 and where does she get a copy and how does the notification work?

Flemming-You can get a copy of the ordinance online and the notification will be done through the planning board.

9) Randy Bergmann-5 Brentwood Drive-Salary ranges seem to be a little confusing, it would have been useful during the introduction if you could have mentioned these were only ranges and council's salary won't be going from \$9,000 to \$15,000. Wants to obtain a copy of all the salaries of all the employees.

Mr. Wall- It is not on the website but it is public record.

10) Joe Ricciuti- Corey Lane- Any hiring upcoming for code enforcement? There are concerns for adequate staffing in Code Enforcement as the township is growing, there are violations that are not being caught.

Mr. Wall- Fully staffed as of right now, but there are open positions for Public Works.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kuhn, seconded by Councilman Chisholm to close the public portion.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Chisholm, seconded by Councilwoman Kuhn to adjourn this meeting was upon the following vote at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Council President Flemming

**Mary Moss, RMC
Municipal Clerk**